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## A MONOGRAPH OF EGYPTIAN DIPTERA

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## Introductory Note

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The following account of the Trypaneidae forms Part II of my Monograph of Egyptian Diptera, the 1st Part of which has already appeared (1923). The sequence in which the families have been dealt with is not intended to show any natural relationship, but is largely a matter of convenience. In addition the Family Trypaneidae has been chosen because of the great economic importance of some of its members. *Ceratitis capitata*, which is one of the most dangerous pests of the world is already, unfortunately very common in this country, but *D. oleae*, *Myiopardalis pardalina* and *Chaetodacus zonatus*, the descriptions of which are included in this Monograph, are not yet in this country, but may appear at any moment in spite of the precautions which are being taken to prevent their introduction.

The number of the species of Trypaneidae recorded from Egypt in 1919 was 29 but it is now increased to 38 and as this increase only represents the results of three years work it is probable that many other species still await discovery, particularly in the more remote and inaccessible parts of Egypt. It is to be regretted that so little information is available about the biology and bionomics of most of the species; as, however it is comparatively easy to breed most members of this group by collecting flower-heads, etc. it is hoped that the greater facility to identify specimens, here provided, will encourage other workers to assist in filling the gaps in our knowledge.

My best thanks are due to Professor Dr. Bezzi of Turin, whose unflinching willingness to put his great experience, knowledge and ability at my disposal has made my work much easier and has helped me to settle points which otherwise would have remained in doubt. Professor E. Hindle of the School of Medicine and Mr. T. W. Kirkpatrick and Mr. C. B. Williams of the Ministry of Agriculture have also assisted me in many ways and their help is most gratefully acknowledged. My thanks are also due to Dr. Enderlein of the Berlin Museum for the loan of the type speci-

mens of *Dacus semisphaereus*, Beck. and *D. annulatus* Beck. and to Dr. Czerny of the Vienna Museum for the loan of the type of *Metaspheniscus gracilipes* Lw. Finally I would like to record my indebtedness to Mr. Eugène Kassessinoff whose beautiful and accurate drawings show many facts which it is difficult to express in words.

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MUSCIDÆ  
HOLOMETOPA  
ACALYPTERÆ

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Trypaneidae

GENERAL CHARACTERS OF THE FAMILY

H E A D

The chaetotaxy of the head and thorax is one of the most important characters in this family, especially the position of the bristles, their number and form.

Head narrower than the thorax, broad or narrow, widened below or not; the proportions between the breadth, height and depth is often important in distinguishing the genera. Frons without any distinct vibrissae and bearing a row of bristles on its lateral borders known as the *fronto-orbital bristles (or)*. These are variable in number and form and are divided into *superior fronto-orbitals (s.or.)*, consisting of 1 or 2 pairs bent backwards and *inferior fronto-orbitals (i.or.)* consisting of from 1 to 4 pairs bent forwards or outwards.

Face usually flattened, sometimes concave or somewhat swollen in the middle, retreating below or not, more or less elongated and sometimes with antennal furrows.

Epistoma prominent or not.

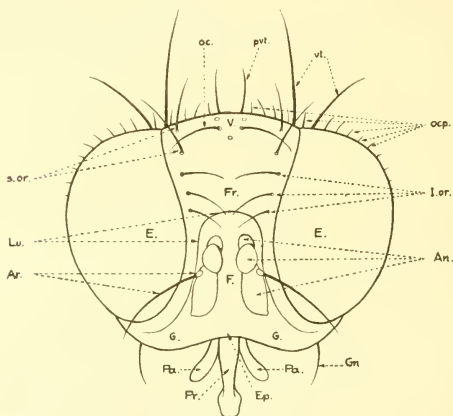
Cheeks (genae) broad or narrow, usually bearing 1 bristle, known as the *genal bristle*, which when present is more or less developed.

Occiput sometimes swollen below and almost always with a row of bristles, known as the *occipital row (ocp.)* running from the vertex along the posterior orbits to the chin; this *ocp.* is considered of great systematic value as it may be formed either by black, thin, pointed bristles or by whitish, thick, truncated bristles.

Vertex nearly always possessing three pairs of bristles, two of which near the lateral margins known as the *vertical bristles (vt.)*, the inner pair being very long, the outer shorter and the third pair

behind the ocellar triangle known as the *post-vertical bristles (pvt.)* which may be parallel or diverging, never crossed, short and weak or very rarely wanting. The ocellar triangle usually bears a pair of bristles directed forwards, the *ocellar bristles (oc.)* which may be strong, well developed or weak.

Eyes rounded or narrow.



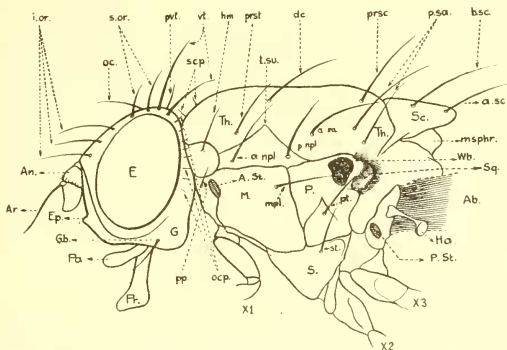
E : eye; Fr : frons; F. : face; An : antenna; Ar. : arista; Lu. : lunula; G. : gena or cheek; Pa. : palpus; Ep. : epistoma; Pr. : proboscis; Gn. : genal bristle; V. : vertex; oc. : ocellar bristle; vt. : vertical bristles; pvt. : post vertical bristle; s.or. : superior orbital bristles; i.or. : inferior orbital bristles; ocp. : occipital row of bristles.

Antennae drooping, important chiefly with regard the length of the third joint; they are not as a rule very elongated, rarely reaching the epistoma; the arista is usually bare, but sometimes it is pubescent or pilose on both sides or only on the upper side; in some Oriental forms, however, it may be plumose.

The proboscis may be short or more or less elongated and geniculate, i.e. with the flaps very much prolonged and directed backwards.

## THORAX

With a characteristic chaetotaxy on the disc and pleurae, when it is said to be complete chaetotaxy ; in a few cases, however, some bristles are absent and the chaetotaxy is then reduced or incomplete. A complete chaetotaxy consists of 2 pairs of scapular, a pair of dorso-central, a pair of praescutellar, 1 humeral, 2 noto-



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pleural, 1 praesutural, 3 supra-alar, 1 or 2 mesopleural, 1 pteropleural and 1 sternopleural.

*Scapular* (*scp.*) are two pairs of small bristles on the anterior margin of the thorax, sometimes indistinct but never obsolete; one pair is median or acrostichal and the other lateral or dorsocentral.

*Dorsocentral* (*dc.*) consists of usually one pair (very rarely 2 pairs) in the dorso-central region between the transverse suture and the scutellum, sometimes entirely absent.

*Præscutellar* (*prsc.*), 1 pair of bristles, on the hind margin, in front of the scutellum, rarely wanting.

*Humeral* (*hm.*), 1 bristle on the humeral callus, rarely wanting.

*Notopleural* (*npl.*), these consist of 2 pairs of bristles inserted above the dorso-pleural suture, in the notopleural depression; they are never absent; the one behind the humeral callus is called anterior and the one before the suture is called posterior; these *npl.* (*a.npl.* and *p.npl.*) are the post-humeral bristles of Osten-Sacken.

*Præsutural* (*prst.*), one before the suture and above the præsutural depression, sometimes wanting.

*Supra-alar* (*sa.*) these consist of 3 pairs; the pair behind the suture, the anterior (*a.sa.*), is very rarely absent, and the 2 other pairs, one above the root of the wing and the other on the post-alar callus, the posterior (*p.sa.*), are always present; the *p.sa.* are also sometimes called postalar bristles.

*Pteropleural* (*pp.*), also known as the prothoracic, one bristle situated in front of the anterior or prothoracic stigma. It is not often present.

*Mesopleural* (*mpl.*), 1 or 2 bristles near the hind margin of the mesopleura, sometimes accompanied by some bristly hairs.

*Pteropleural* (*pt.*), 1 bristle on the pteropleura, beneath the root of the wing, usually strong, but sometimes weak.

*Sternopleural* (*st.*), 1 bristle near the hind margin of the sternopleura, very rarely wanting.

The scutellum is usually triangular in shape (but it may be semi-circular or even trilobate) its surface may be flattened or convex. It bears usually 2 pairs of bristles but sometimes only 1 pair.

*Basal scutellar* (*b.sc.*), 1 pair of bristles near the base, usually stronger than the apical pair, divergent, very rarely absent.

*Apical scutellar* (*a.sc.*) 1 pair of bristles near the apex usually weaker than the basal pair; they may be parallel, converging or even crossed, more often absent.

There is also rarely in the Oriental forms an intermediate pair of bristles between the basal and the apical.

The pubescence of the thorax may be more or less distinct, blackish or pale yellow and sometimes strongly developed; in addition the thorax usually bears a fine dust, pulverulence or tomentum.

## A B D O M E N

With 4 segments in the male; it may be narrow or elongate, short and broad, or narrowed at the base; the first segment is very long and composed of 2 segments fused together and in rare cases all the abdominal segments are fused together (*Dacus longistylus*,



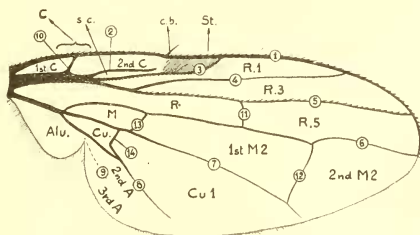
Wied.). Male hypopygium nearly always small and inconspicuous, usually globular. Female ovipositor corneous, composed of 3 joints and pointed, the basal joint being important in shape and length, it may either be flattened or cylindrical and either short, long or very elongated. The pubescence is usually similar to that of the thorax and the abdomen often bears some lateral and apical bristles.

### L E G S

Usually short and robust, but sometimes long and slender ; front femora nearly always with a row of bristles below ; middle tibiae with 1 spur in almost all the Egyptian and Palearctic species, but in some of the Oriental species they may have 2 spurs ; hind tibiae sometimes with a row of bristly hairs, but they may be pectinate or even pinnate in the exotic forms.

### W I N G S

Narrow or more or less broad, with a characteristic neuration and usually marked with a distinct pattern : this pattern may be reticulate or may consist chiefly of bands, or bands as well as



1 : costa; 2 : sub-costa; 3 : Radius 1; 4 : Radius 2+3; 5 : Radius 4+5; 6 : Media 1; 7 : Media 3+Cubitus 1; 8 : Cubitus 2+Analis 2; 9 : trace of Analis 3; 10 : Humeral cross-vein; 11 : Radio-median cross-vein; 12 : Median cross-vein; 13 : Media 3; 14 : Cubitus 1+Cubitus 2; C : costal cell; 1st C : 1st costal cell; 2nd C : 2nd costal cell; s.c. : sub-costal cell; c.b. : costal bristle; St. : stigma; R.1 : Radius 1 cell; R.3 : Radius 3 cell; R.5 : Radius 5 cell; R : Radial cell; M : Media cell; Cu. : Cubitus cell; 1st M2 : 1st Media 2 cell; 2nd M2 : 2nd Media 2 cell; Cu 1 : Cubitus 1 cell; 2nd A, 3rd A : 2nd Analis and 3rd Analis cells; Alu. : Alula or axillary lobe.

spots; sometimes the wings are entirely hyaline. The subcostal vein becomes indistinct towards the end where it coalesces and is merged with the stigma. On the Costa, usually touching the inner margin

of the stigmal callosity, there is very often the *Costal bristle* which may be obsolete, more or less developed or even double. The shape and size of the stigma is important as it may be short, long or very long. R1 usually bears minute and short bristles, as may R4+5 but less often. The length, direction, form and position of the longitudinal and cross-veins and the form and length of the cells supply very important characters and should always be taken into consideration. The cells at the base of the wing are usually of large size and the Cu1 cell, which is also large, presents an excellent generic character in its inferior angle which is often drawn out into a point which, in some cases, is extremely long.

The longitudinal veins are :

*The Costa* (1) or Costal vein : ends at about R4+5 and is more or less thickened and ciliated over its whole length.

*The Sub-costa* (2), Auxiliary or Mediastinal vein : thin and often short and indistinct, but it may be quite distinct.

*Radius 1* (3), 1st longitudinal or subcostal vein (R1) : variable in length; it may not reach the radio-median cross-vein, it may reach it or it may pass beyond it; it usually is bristly over its whole length.

*Radius 2+3* (4), 2nd longitudinal or radial vein (R2+3) : is either straight, bent in the middle or wavy; more or less distant from R1 and very rarely bears a stump of vein.

*Radius 4+5* (5), 3rd longitudinal or cubital vein (R4+5) : usually bare, but sometimes bristly over its whole length, at the base only or to the radio-median cross-vein; it may be straight or bent, parallel or diverging from M1, but very rarely converging towards it; it is also more or less approximate to R2+3

*Media 1* (6), 4th longitudinal or discoidal vein (M1) : this may be straight or curved after the median cross-vein, or it may be, very rarely curved forward at the tip.

*Media 3+Cubitus 1* (7), 5th longitudinal or postical vein (M3+Cu1) : usually bare, but very rarely bristly over its whole length and more or less diverging from M1.

*Cubitus 2+Analis 2* (8), analis, 6th longitudinal or anal vein (Cu2+2ndA.) : less important, more or less long, reaching or not reaching the hind margin.

*Analis 3* (9) axillaris or Axillary vein (A3) : very indistinct.

The cross-veins are the following :

*The Humeral* (10) or basal cross-vein : not important; situated at the base and on the fore border between the costa and sub-costa.

*The Radio-median* (11) small, anterior or median cross-vein : very important and situated towards the middle of the wing, between R4+5 and M1; it may be long or short; placed before, on, or after the middle of 1st M2 cell; oblique or perpendicular.

*The Median* (12), hind or posterior cross-vein : very important and situated between M1 and M3+Cu1, on the posterior part near the hind margin; it may be long or short, oblique or perpendicular, parallel or not with the radio-median cross-vein. The distance between it and the latter is very important, in relation to the position of the radio-median cross-vein; this distance, following Rondani, can be measured by the relative length of the various portions into which M1 is divided; these portions are : the first or basal, between the base and the radio-median cross-vein; the second or median, between the radio-median cross-vein and the median cross-vein; the third or apical, between the median cross-vein and the apex; or following Bezzi, (which in my opinion is the simplest and best method of the two) by reference to the length of the median cross-vein.

*Media 3* (13), basal, anterior basal or discoidal cross-vein (M3): less important, situated in the middle of the wing near the base, between M1 and M3+Cu1.

*Cubitus 1+cubitus 3* (14), anal or posterior basal cross-vein (Cu1+Cu2) : between M3+Cu1 and Cu2+A2, near the base and below M3 cross-vein: this is very important: it may be convex or concave or with a very characteristic median bend (as in *Ceratitis*): the lower portion of this cross-vein is sometimes very prolonged (as in *Dacus*).

The cells are as follows :

*Costal cell* (C.) at the fore border and base, between the costa and subcostal vein; it is divided into two cells by the humeral cross-vein : the *1st costal* and *2nd costal cells*; the first is not important and not considered here, but the second may be short or long, broad or narrow.

*Sub-Costal* (s.c.) or mediastinal cell : not important, often very small and sometimes indistinct; it is situated below the costal cell, between the sub-costa and R1. The end of this cell however is dilated and forms a callosity known as the *Stigma* (st.) or pterostigma; this is important in its form, coloration and length as it may be short, long or often very much prolonged; at the base of the stigma where the sub-costal vein should end is situated the previously mentioned *costal bristle* (c.b.)

*R1 cell* (R1), marginal or sub-costal cell : between R1 and R2+3; may be narrow or broad.

*R3 cell* (R3), sub-marginal or cubital cell : below R1 cell and between R2+3 and R4+5; narrow or broad, more or less widened at the end.

*Radial cell* (R), or first basal cell : in the middle of the wing, between R4+5 and M1 veins and from the base to the radio-median cross-vein; more or less long and widened or not at the end.

*R5 cell (R5)* or first posterior cell : between the same veins, from the radio-median cross-vein to the outer margin of the wing; this cell may be widened at the end or may have parallel sides but very rarely narrowed at the end.

*Media cell (M)*, or second basal cell : between M1 and M3 + Cu1. from the bifurcation of these veins to M3 cross-vein; more or less broad or widened at the end and sometimes very much dilated.

*1st Media 2 cell (1st M2)*, discoidal or discal cell : between the same veins, from M3 to the median cross-veins; more or less long and more or less widened at the end, but very rarely narrowed at the end.

*2nd Media 2 cell (2nd M2)*, or second posterior cell : in continuation of the preceding cell, between the same veins, from the median cross-vein to the outer margin of the wing; more or less widened.

*Cubitus cell (Cu)*, anal or third basal cell : below M cell, between M3 + Cu1 and Cu2 + A2 from their bifurcation to Cu1 + Cu2 cross-vein; this cell is very important with regard to the shape of its inferior angle which is rarely obtuse, usually being drawn out into a point which is narrow or broad; it may be shorter than M cell or of equal length or longer and is sometimes much prolonged, reaching almost to the hind margin of the wing.

*Cubitus 1 cell (Cu1)* or second posterior cell : in continuation of the preceding, between M3 + Cu1 and Cu2 + A2 from Cu1 + Cu2 cross-vein to the lower margin of the wing; less important.

*2nd Anal + 3rd Anal cells (2ndA + 3rdA)* or third posterior + Axillary cells : between Cu2 + A2 and the lower margin, at the base; these two cells are partly fused with the axillary lobe and the preceding cell.

The pattern of the wings is very variable and is of great importance in the distinction of the species and even of the genera; however in this last case caution is necessary. In the palaeartic species the patterns may be classified in two distinct and principal types, the banded type and the reticulate type; the two types however may rarely be found in the same wing in exotic species, such as in *Acrotaenia* (Bezzi). The colouring of the wing is due to a tint in the wing-membrane itself, but if the wing of *Schistopteryx* be examined microscopically it will be found due to peculiarly shaped and coloured hairs on the surface.

The ground colour of the wings may be considered as hyaline in the banded type, which is well developed in the so-called "rivulets" of many Trypaneids; the species which possess black wings with hyaline indentations and spots (*Sphenisomyia* etc.) are in reality an exaggeration of this type. There are other species which have almost entirely black wings but with the hyaline spots less

numerous, scattered and rather distant; these show a passage into the reticulate type. In this type the wings should be considered as black with numerous approximate hyaline spots, which break up the black colouring into a net-like or reticulate pattern. This network can be more or less closed owing to the form and size of these spots and sometimes quite broken up into brown isolated streaks. The so-called "star-shaped" pattern and the "radiating" pattern are special cases of this type.

The colouring of the pattern varies from yellow or brown to black; I fail to see any traces of red spots as stated by Becker in his original description of *Schistopteron*.

The adult flies are remarkable for their handsome aspect and coloration, chiefly due to the patterned wings which they usually hold spread out and trembling; they may frequently be seen running on leaves or feeding on flowers. They usually prefer shady and cool places, hence they are to be found on the under surface of broad leaves. The species of *Ceratitis* and *Dacus* seek the sweet exudations and secretions of plants or of certain insects such as the Coccidae (Scale-insects), but generally speaking the adults are to be found on those plants in which they oviposit and upon which their larvae feed.

The Trypaneidae live only and entirely on vegetable substances, some species being very serious pests. It is a remarkable fact that many of the species which may easily be obtained and observed in the larval stage, are rarely seen as adults, such as *Ceratitis capitata* Wied., *Carpomyia incompleta* Beck., etc. and these can only be easily obtained by breeding.

The female with their corneous and sometimes long ovipositors, place the eggs on those parts of the plants in and upon which the larvae are intended to live; the very variable length and form of the ovipositor denotes that the adaptations in this way are very numerous and different. The metamorphoses of many species, especially the harmful ones have been studied.

The habits of the larvae are very variable and these may be divided into four distinct groups according to the various parts of the plants which they attack.

#### 1st group.

Larva feeding in fruits, usually preferring succulent fruits and are known as fruit-maggots; they attack different species of plants, digging into the pulp, going to the inner parts of the fruit and usually cause its fall; these belong chiefly to the *Dacinae* and most *Ceratitinae*.

*2nd group.*

Larvae living in the flower-heads of *Compositae*; they very rarely produce galls in the parts attacked; these belong to the *Trypaneiniinae* and *Urophorinae*.

*3rd group.*

Larvae living in the stems, flower-stems, leaves and buds, chiefly of *Compositae* and *Umbelliferae*; these belong to some of the *Ceratitinae*.

*4th group.*

Larvae living and producing galls in flowers, stems and roots; these belong to the *Trypaneiniinae*.

*The eggs* of the Trypaneidae in general are elongate, cylindrical and rounded at both ends; their shell is whitish, thin and smooth; and sometimes under high magnification it shows diverse sculpturing; at the anterior or cephalic end there is a central tuberculiform micropyle, which, when seen under the microscope appears as a prominent tubercle. Sometimes they may be crescent shaped. The dorsal surface is usually convex and the ventral surface almost flattened; their length is usually less than 0.9 mm. and breadth about 0.1 to 0.08 mm.

*The larvae* present very important characters for the object of discriminating the genera and species and should be, in future, much more keenly and carefully considered by systematists. They are whitish maggots, rounded and conical, more or less elongate and often ellipsoidal; they are pointed in front and abruptly truncated behind and are composed of from 12 to 14 segments (including the head), those of the cephalic end being very small and often very difficult to distinguish. In the last stage the larva is amphipneustic; the anterior spiracles are either on the second or third segment, small, crown-shaped and consist each of small papillae joined at the base; at the apex of each papilla there is an aperture. The posterior spiracles are placed on the last segment over the anus and nearer the dorsal than the ventral aspect; they are larger than the anterior spiracles, darker in colour, being yellowish or brownish and more or less prominent; each spiracle bears at the end a plate with three respiratory apertures which vary somewhat in shape. The body is often completely smooth but sometimes the ventral surface bears transverse rows of small spines. The anal end is usually somewhat impressed and often surrounded by a variable

number of tubercles some of which are provided with spinules. The head is usually trapezoidal in outline and provided on either side, anteriorly, with a short, two-jointed antennal organ; the form and length of the two joints are variable in the different genera and species. Immediately below the antennae and in front of the mouth hooklets the palpi are found; these are also variable in shape. The mouth parts are said to form the so-called 'pharyngeal skeleton' which may easily be seen and studied on account of the transparency of the teguments and its black colour. The most conspicuous structure is the two strong and thick mandibular hooks, which in the last stage form the 'pharyngeal skeleton'; these vary in shape and in curvature and they bear teeth or spurs, the positions and sizes of which are important. On each side of the hooks there is usually a convex structure furnished with raised transverse laminae and known as the oral lobes. The upper and lower pharyngeal plates constitute the internal portion. The labium is situated between and below the oral lobes, bearing sensoria and often difficult to distinguish.

The larvae of some species are provided with the faculty of jumping.

Larvae living in fruits (fruit-maggots) leave their host and pupate in the ground, while the pupation of those living in stems, leaves or flowers takes place in those parts.

The puparia are of the usual barrel-shaped form but they vary in colour and in the characters which the first stages of these flies present. I will here give very brief descriptions after the observations of Bezzi, Sylvestri and my own, to show the differences which are to be seen on superficial examination. *Dacus longistylus* Wied. has an elliptical, elongate, pale amber puparium with the segmentations not prominent, while that of *D. oleae* Gmel. is whitish, thin and almost opaque, also without prominent segmentations and with the posterior spiracles rather approximate and yellow. The puparium of *Ceratitis capitata* Wied. is elliptical, yellow to dark testaceous in colour, with dark yellow, approximate posterior spiracles and a small and smooth anal cicatrice; when examined from a dorsal or ventral side the anterior spiracles appear as two very short tubercles. *Carpomyia incompleta* Beck. has a pale yellow, hard, thick and opaque puparium; it possesses a well marked segmentation and transverse wrinkles on the surface; the posterior spiracles are rather distant and the anal cicatrice is small and smooth. *Urophora solstitialis*, according to Wadsworth, has a yellow to dark reddish-brown puparium with wrinkles on the surface; in shape it is cylindrical, obtuse or bluntly pointed at the anterior end, and obliquely truncate dorso-ventrally at the posterior end;

the segmentation is distinct and the pupa has a dull glistening appearance. *Myiopites blotti*, according to Bezzi has a thin, smooth, yellow puparium without a shining surface and with less distinct segmentation; the posterior spiracles are very small and rather distant. *Eusina soechi*, according to the same author, has a very shining, thin, transparent, white puparium, with less distinct segmentation and rather distant, yellow posterior spiracles. The puparium of *Sphenella marginata* is extremely thin, shining and brownish black; it is very convex on the dorsal surface, where the segmentation is indistinct, and concave on the ventral surface, which is segmented and finely denticulate; the posterior spiracles are black and very approximated. Bezzi further states that according to Mik the species of the genus *Oxyua* have thin, smooth, flat-segmented, pale ferruginous puparia, and those of *Tephritis* thick, wrinkled, more strongly segmented puparia. The puparium of *Spheniscomyia* is pale ferruginous and that of *Euaresta iphionae* yellow to brownish-yellow. *Terellia planiscutellata* Beck. has a most remarkable puparium; it is very broad, flat ventrally and very convex dorsally, punctate and with a very deep and conspicuous segmentation; while that of *Acinra tibialis* is smooth, very shining and of an almost metallic blue colouration.

A good many Hymenopterous parasites and predators of Trypaneidae are known and some of these have been used with success to cope with these pests. Among the parasites of the genus *Dacus* are known some Braconids of the genus *Opius*, such as *O. concolor*, *O. ducicida*, *O. lounsburyi* and *O. africanus orientalis* which are all parasites of *D. oleae*. *O. dexter* is a parasite of *D. longistylus*, *O. perproximus* and *O. humilis* of *Ceratitis capitata*. Members of *Hedylus*, *Diachasma* and *Biosteres* are parasitic on species of *Dacus* while *Sigalphus daci* and *Bracon celer* are both known to be parasitic on *Dacus oleae* as well as many Chalcidids of the genera *Erpeimus*, *Tetrastichus*, *Syntomosphyrum*, *Diacmus*, *Eurytoma*, *Eulophus* and *Ormyrus*. Members of the genus *Ceratitis* are parasitised by Braconids of the genera *Opius*, *Hedylus*, *Diachasma* and *Biosteres*; by Proctotrypids of the genera *Galesus* and *Trichopria* and by Chalcidids of the genera *Dirhinus*, *Spalangia*, *Tetrastichus* and *Syntomosphyrum*.

Among the family Formicidae some species of the genera *Dorylus*, *Anomma* and *Acromyrmex* are known to be predacious on pupae and larvae of *Dacus* and *Ceratitis*.



## Classification

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Up till 1870 the name Tephritidae was used for this family but owing to the fact that Meigen's name for the genus *Trypeta* (1803) is earlier than Latreille's *Tephritis* (1804) the family name Trypetidae has been used universally until recent times. Since then, however, it was discovered quite recently that *Trypeta* Meigen (1803) is the same as *Euribia* Meigen (1800), hence Czerny (1909) has proposed to call the family Euribiidae. Bezzi, however, has stated (1907) and later (1913) that the genus *Trypanea* (Trupanea) of Schrank (1795) must be employed in place of *Urellia* of Robineau-Desvoidy and Loew (1830) and that therefore the family name must be drawn from this genus and must be Trypaneidae.

The subdivision of the family Trypaneidae is very difficult and up to the present no one has been able to accomplish it in a satisfactory manner.

Bezzi's proposition to divide the family into two subfamilies the Dacinae and Trypaneinae, the latter into three tribes, the *Ceratininae*, *Myiopitiniinae*, and *Trypaneininae* is in my opinion the best one and I have adopted it. These subfamilies and tribes are distinguished as follows:—

1. *Subfamily Dacinae*. Antennae elongate, as long as or longer than the face, usually bare or very rarely shortly pilose. *Oc.* wanting; *prt.* wanting or very small; *ocp.* wanting. *Hm.*, *prst.* and *dc.* wanting; anterior *sa.* and *prsc.* sometimes wanting; *pt.* usually weak; *st.* wanting. Abdomen of the female with the last segment (5th or 6th) hidden. Front femora without bristles below, or very rarely bristly. Scutellum with 2 or 4 bristles; if the bristles are only two it is always the basal (not the apical) pair that is absent. Wings with the auxiliary vein very approximate to the first longitudinal vein, and often very little distinct; the first three longitudinal veins are usually very approximated, the others are distant, the small cross-vein is therefore very long and oblique. Second basal cell usually very much dilated, and short at the base; anal cell narrowed, its inferior angle usually drawn out into a very long point, much longer

than the second basal cell. Pattern of the wings usually very simple and reduced to a fore border and some stripes; banded wings are very rare, and reticulated wings are never found.

The principal character of the subfamily is the reduced chaetotaxy of the head and the thorax. The species are tropical or subtropical and live almost exclusively in the old world. The larvae live only in fruits of various kinds and are never gall-makers."

"2. *Subfamily Trypaneinae.* Antennae usually shorter than the face, with a bare, pilose or plumose arista. *Oc.* mostly present, strong or small, as also the *prt.*; *ocp.* more or less developed, but never wanting. *Hm.* always present but in a single case wanting; *prst.* rarely wanting; anterior *sa* present; *prsc* and usually one or rarely two pairs of *dc.* present; *st.* almost always present; *pt.* usually strong. Scutellum usually with two pairs of bristles but sometimes with three pairs; if only one pair is present it is always the basal (not the apical) pair, that is to say, the apical pair only can be wanting. Anterior femora usually bristly below (bare in *Euphranta*). Abdomen of the female with the last segment distinct and the others never fused together; the ovipositor usually flattened (cylindrical in some *Anastrepha*, *Carpophthoromyia* and *Urophora*). Auxiliary vein distinct; the first three longitudinal veins not approximated; second basal cell not dilated; anal cell not narrowed, with the inferior angle drawn out into a point or not, shorter or longer than the second basal cell. Pattern of the wings varying from the banded to the reticulated type, rarely absent. The species are found in tropical, temperate and even cold countries; the larvae live in fruits, or in various parts of vegetables, and are very often gall-makers.

This great subfamily includes most of the proposed genera of Trypaneids. No attempts have been made to subdivide it and I think that Loew in his generic divisions has laid too much stress on the pattern of the wings, chiefly for practical purposes. Schiner has followed Loew with some little modification, and so have all subsequent writers. Rondani, in 1870, has given a more scientific arrangement, but he lays too much importance on the relative lengths of the various portions of the fourth longitudinal vein. I think that the subdivision of the subfamily Trypaneinae into other groups of subfamily rank is not at present possible; but I am of opinion that three secondary groups or tribes can be distinguished by the following characters:—

*1st Tribe: Ceratitiniinae.* Occipital row formed by thin black bristles, which at the most are yellow only in the post-vertical region; or the row is almost wanting, being only distinct in the superior portion. Arista often pilose or plumose. Thorax mostly clothed on

the back with black pubescence. Wings with the third longitudinal vein usually bristly over its whole length, or at least towards the base; anal cell usually with its lower angle drawn out into a point, and therefore as long as, or longer than, the second basal cell (obtuse in *Gongylossum*). Wing-pattern of the banded type. The species of this tribe are most abundant in tropical or subtropical countries, but are not rare in temperate regions. The larvae often live in fruits, like those of the Dacinae; but some species mine into the leaves of umbelliferous plants or of Compositae; a few species are gall-makers, but none live in the flower heads of the Compositae.

*2nd Tribe : Myiopitiniinae.* This tribe has the same characters as the preceding, but the anal cell is always obtuse, its lower angle is never drawn out in a point; the ovipositor is long and cylindrical; the wings are banded. The species are found exclusively in temperate countries, being wanting in the tropics; the larvae live only on plants of the family Compositae, and often make galls.

*3rd Tribe : Trypaneiniinae.* Occipital row usually formed of strong yellow bristles, which are usually obtuse at the end. Thoracic pubescence yellowish. Wings with the third longitudinal veins usually bare; anal cell never longer than the second basal cell (obtuse in some forms). Wing-pattern usually of the reticulate type, rarely banded and sometimes hyaline. Ovipositor flattened. Arista usually bare. The species occur in temperate countries and also in cold regions; the larvae live usually in the flower-heads of the Compositae, and sometimes make galls, even on the roots of plants of this family."

The family Trypaneidae is a very large one, over 1000 species being known from all over the world, and this number goes on increasing every year. The family has a wide distribution over all the globe, from the Arctic to the Tropical regions. Over 300 species are known from the Palearctic region.

The known genera of Egyptian Trypaneids are arranged as follows according to Bezzi's classification.

#### SUBFAMILY DACINAE.

1. *Dacus*, including the subgenus *Chaetodacus* etc.

#### SUBFAMILY TRYPANEIDAE.

##### Tribe CERATITININAE.

2. *Carpomyia*
3. *Myiopardalis*
4. *Ceratitis* (*Petalophora*, *Halterophora*)
5. *Spheniscomyia*
6. *Metaspheniscus*
7. *Aciura*

## Tribe MYIOPITININAE.

8. Myiopites
9. Urophora

## Tribe TRYPANEININAE.

10. Schistopterum
11. Terellia (*Trypeta*, *Eucibia*, *Orellia*, *Cerajocera*, *Sitavea*)
12. Sphenella (*Sineura*, *Liroy*)
13. Ensina
14. Euaresta
15. Spathulina
16. Tephritis
17. Trypanea (*Orellia*, *Actinoptera*, *Trupanea*)

## KEY TO THE EGYPTIAN GENERA OF TRYPANEIDAE

- 1 (2) *Pesc.* present ..... CRETODACUS Bez.  
(*Sub-genus*)
- 2 (1) *Pesc.* absent .....
- 3 (4) Chaetotaxy of head and thorax incomplete; no *ocp.*, *hm.*, *prst.* and *dc.* ..... 1 DACUS Fabr.
- 4 (3) Chaetotaxy complete, except for possible absence of *oc.*
- 5 (6) R2+3 with a stump ..... 3 MYIOPARDALIS Bez.
- 6 (5) R2+3 without a stump .....
- 7 (8) Wings hyaline with incomplete yellow bands, *oc.* absent ..... 2 CARPOMYIA A. Costa
- 8 (7) Wings not so; *oc.* present
- 9 (12) Wings hyaline with complete black bands as well as hyaline indentations at upper and lower margins
- 10 (11) Scutellum entirely shining black ..... 5 SPHENISCOMYIA Bez.

- 11 (10) Scutellum yellow at least at tip . . . . . 4 UROPHORA R.-D.
- 12 (9) Wings otherwise marked
- 13 (16) Wings black with hyaline indentations at upper and lower margins as well as spots
- 14 (15) Wings with only 1 hyaline isolated rounded spot in the black area; thorax mat-black; scutellum with 4 bristles . . . . . 6 METASPHENICUS Hend.
- 15 (14) Wings with several isolated spots in the black area; thorax shining black; scutellum with 2 bristles . . . . . 7 ACIURA R.-D.
- 16 (13) Wings otherwise marked
- 17 (22) Wings hyaline with dark complete and incomplete bands as well as spots
- 18 (19) Head much deeper than high and deeper than broad; proboscis long and geniculate; wings with 2 complete dark bands 8 MYOPITES Brébisson
- 19 (18) Head broader than high and much deeper than broad; proboscis short, not geniculate
- 20 (21) Wings very broad with incomplete yellow and brown bands as well as small irregular black spots; thorax and scutellum shining black with pale markings 4 CERATITIS MacLeay
- 21 (20) Wings much narrower with one complete dark band and spots on upper margin; thorax and scutellum uniformly dull yellowish-brown . . . . . 12 SPHENELLA R.-D.
- 22 (17) Wings otherwise marked
- 23 (26) Wings black with the dark area covering almost the entire surface, but leaving the extreme base hyaline

- 24 (25) Thorax dull yellowish-brown; isolated hyaline spots in black area very numerous . . . . .
- 25 (24) Thorax shining black; isolated hyaline spots in black area not more than three . . . . . 7 ACIURA R.-D.
- 26 (23) Wings otherwise marked
- 27 (28) Wings entirely hyaline or if with transverse yellow bands then the *dc.* are 4 in number . . . . . 11 TERELLIA R.-D.
- 28 (27) Wings not entirely hyaline; *dc.* normal two.
- 29 (30) Wings rather broad, usually reticulate, the reticulation nearly always dark and conspicuous, and if not reticulate then the wings are blackish with hyaline indentations and spots; head much broader than deep . . . . . 16 TEPHRITIS LATR.
- 30 (29) Wings otherwise marked
- 31 (32) Wings narrow with a faint reticulation; head as deep as broad . . . . . 13 ENSINA R.-D.
- 32 (31) Wings otherwise marked
- 33 (34) Wings with the dark area extending over two thirds of the surface and not radiating . . . . . 15 EUARESTA LW.
- 34 (33) Wings with the dark area extending over less than half the surface and from which radiate several narrow bands like the spokes of a wheel; rarely the radiation is obsolete and in this case some pale brown spots are present always in the upper half and apical two thirds of the wing only
- 35 (36) Dark area at base of wing . . . . . 10 SCHISTOPTERUM Beck.
- 36 (35) Dark area at apical half (or more) of wing; wing base hyaline . . . . . 17 TRYPANEA Schrank

## KEY TO THE EGYPTIAN SPECIES OF TRYPANEIDAE

- 1 (22) (61) Wings with dark bands, the bands not broken up with hyaline spots.
- 2 (13) Thorax black or dark grey.
- 3 (10) Thorax at least partly shining black.
- 4 (5) Scutellum yellow at the tip ..... **Uroph. macrura**, LW.
- 5 (4) Scutellum shining black at the tip.
- 6 (9) Wings with 4 dark transverse bands.
- 7 (8) Base of wing black ..... **Sphenisc. debskii**, EFFLAT.
- 8 (7) Base of wing hyaline ..... **Sphenisc. aegyptiaca**,  
EFFLAT.
- 9 (6) Wings with one yellow transverse band and apex of fore margin yellow; base of wing with numerous small spots .... **Cerat. capitata**, WIED.
- 10 (3) Thorax dull mat-grey.
- 11 (12) Apex of wing broadly brown, with one hyaline oval spot between R2+3 and R4+5; scutellum dark ..... **Metasph. gracilipes**, LW.
- 12 (11) Tip of wing dark only at extreme apex, scutellum yellow ..... **Uroph. quadrifasciata**, MEG.
- 13 (2) Thorax yellow or brown.
- 14 (19) Wings with bright brown or yellow bands.
- 15 (16) Thorax and scutellum unspotted ..... **Carp. incompleta**, BECK.
- 16 (15) Thorax and scutellum spotted.

- 17 (18) Thorax and scutellum with conspicuous shining black spots; only one pair of *dc* ..... **Myiopar. pardalina**, BIG.
- 18 (17) Thorax and scutellum with small black spots; 2 pairs of *dc*. present ..... **Terel. jaceae**, R.-D.
- 19 (14) Wings with dark brown bands.
- 20 (21) Tip of wing with a small round dark spot only ..... **Myep. varicfasciata**, BECK
- 21 (20) Wing tip broadly dark, the dark area extending below the apex of M1..... **Sphenel. marginata**, FALL.
- 22 (1) (61) Wings with the dark areas broken up by hyaline spots.
- 23 (40) Wings without traces of bands, the dark areas broken up by numerous small hyaline spots, giving the wing a latticed appearance.
- 24 (35) Three hyaline spots on Costa, between ends of R1 and R2+3
- 25 (28) Reticulation faint.
- 26 (27) Reticulation very faint, but hyaline spots very numerous; thorax with 3 distinct lines; proboscis not geniculate... **Teph. lauta**, LW.
- 27 (26) Reticulation less faint and spots larger; thorax without conspicuous lines; proboscis geniculate ..... **Ensina sororcula**, WIED.
- 28 (25) Reticulation conspicuous.
- 29 (30) Wings with only 2 hyaline spots after radio-median cross vein in R5 cell ... **Spath. parceguttata**, BECK
- 30 (29) Wings with more than 2 hyaline spots after radio-median cross vein in R5 cell.



- 31 (32) Proboscis geniculate, the recurrent part as long as the basal ..... **Teph. conyzae**, FRIED.
- 32 (31) Proboscis geniculate, but the recurrent part much shorter than the basal.
- 33 (34) Wings with only six hyaline spots in R5 cell, the 5 apical ones almost of equal size ..... **Teph. argyrocephala**, LW.
- 34 (33) Wings with more than 6 hyaline spots in R5 cell, of unequal size ..... **Teph. praecox**, LW.
- 35 (24) Only 2 hyaline spots on Costa between ends of R1 and R2+3.
- 36 (39) Base of 1st M2 cell hyaline.
- 37 (38) Apex of 1st M2 dark, with one large hyaline spot close to median cross-vein ..... **Teph. cypreta**, LW.
- 38 (37) Apex of 1st M2 cell dark, with 2 or 3 small spots close to median cross-vein. **Teph. matricariae**, LW.
- 39 (36) Base of 1st M2 cell dark ..... **Teph. tessellata**, LW.
- 40 (23) Wings otherwise marked.
- 41 (48) Wings with a dark area from which radiate several narrow dark bands like spokes of wheel.
- 42 (43) Dark area at base of wing ..... **Schist. moebiusi**, BECK.
- 43 (42) Base of wing hyaline.
- 44 (45) Five dark radiating narrow bands reaching wing tip ..... **Trypan. augur**, FRIED.
- 45 (44) Less than 5 dark radiating narrow bands reaching wing tip.
- 46 (47) Three dark radiating narrow bands reaching posterior apical part of wing (termen). ..... **Trypan. amoena**, FRIED.

- 47 (46) Only 2 dark radiating narrow bands reaching posterior apical part of wing (termen). . . . . **Trypan, stellata**, FUESLY
- 48 (41) Wings otherwise marked.
- 49 (50) Pale species: wings with faint markings only . . . . . **Trypan, eluta**, MEIG.
- 50 (49) Wings with dark markings conspicuous.
- 51 (56) Extreme apex of wing hyaline.
- 52 (53) Hyaline spot on Costa small, not reaching below R2+3 . . . . . **Euar. iphionae**, EFFLAT.
- 53 (52) Hyaline spot on Costa extending below R2+3
- 54 (55) Wings with hyaline indentations at fore and hind borders but without hyaline spots in the dark area . . . . . **Teph. desertorum**, nov. spec.
- 55 (54) Wings with hyaline indentations at fore and hind borders as well as isolated hyaline spots in the dark area . . . . . **Teph. pulcherrima**, nov. sp.
- 56 (51) Extreme apex of wing dark.
- 57 (58) Wings largely pale, only one complete dark band which is broken up by hyaline spots; wing tip dark with 2 or 3 small hyaline spots . . . . . **Sphenel. marginata**, FALL.
- 58 (57) Wings mostly dark.
- 59 (60) Wings with the dark area only containing a single round hyaline spot; thorax mat-grey . . . . . **Metasph. gracilipes**, LW.
- 60 (59) Wings with 3 hyaline spots in the centre of the dark area; thorax shining black . . . . . **Aciura tibialis**, R.-D.
- 61 (22) (I) Wings entirely hyaline or with only a dark spot or shading at apex of wing.

- 62 (71) Cu2 bent at right angles, the inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out to a point extending well beyond M3; wings with a spot or cloud at apex.
- 63 (64) *Prsc.* present . . . . . **Chaetod. zonatus**, SAUND.
- 64 (63) *Prsc.* absent.
- 65 (66) Wings with a very dark stigma and Sc. and Costa darkened; thorax dark with very conspicuously contrasted yellow humeri and scutellum . . . . . **Dac. annulatus**, BECK.
- 66 (65) Stigma not very dark; thorax paler.
- 67 (68) Thorax with 3 dark longitudinal lines; medium sized species (6 mm.) . . . . . **Dac. oleae**, GMEL.
- 68 (67) Thorax without stripes.
- 69 (70) Large species (9 mm.); humeri, prealar calli and scutellum pale yellow . . . . . **Dac. longistylus**, WIED.
- 70 (69) Small species (4.3 mm.); prealar calli and scutellum reddish brown, almost unicolorous with thorax . . . . . **Dac. semisphaereus**, BECK.
- 71 (62) Cu2 at most bent at an obtuse angle; inferior angle of Cu cell not elongated; wings entirely hyaline.
- 72 (73) Thoracic pubescence bright yellowish-brown; large species (6.3 mm.) wings tinged yellowish at base . . . . . **Terel. virens**, LW.
- 73 (72) Thoracic pubescence very pale greyish or yellowish; wings not yellowish at base; smaller species (from 4.8 to 3.5 mm.).
- 74 (75) Wings milky white; thoracic pubescence very pale and abundant; upper

- s.ov.* white; small (3.5 mm.) very pale  
species ..... **Terel. planiscutellata**, BECK.
- 75 (74) Wings clear; thorax blackish and the  
pale pubescence less conspicuous; upper  
*s.ov.* black; larger (4.8 mm.) and darker  
species ..... **Terel. serratulae**, L.
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1. **DACUS** FABRICIUS.

F., Syst. Antl., 215. (1805); MEIG., Syst. Besch., VI.224. (1830).

Easily distinguished from all the other genera by its weak and incomplete chaetotaxy, the long stigma and by the inferior angle of Cu cell, which is extremely elongated and pointed.

Head broader than high; frons fairly broad; face somewhat swollen in the middle, but flattened and with well developed antennal furrows reaching the epistoma; eyes rather small and fairly prominent; occiput usually without any lateral swellings; cheeks usually narrow; proboscis very short, not geniculate; palpi small; antennae inserted at, or immediately below the middle of the eyes, narrow and very elongated on account of the third joint, which is about two and a half times the length of the second; arista bare; cephalic chaetotaxy incomplete and weak; *oc.* and *prt.* absent; *ct.* not strong; *s.or.* 1, *i.or.* 2, all weak; *ocp.* absent; genal bristle almost obsolete.

Thorax characterised by its very weak chaetotaxy; the humeral callus is always very prominent, conspicuous and lighter in colour; usually the praealar callus (bearing the posterior *apl.*) is also prominent and paler in colour; *scp.* 1 or 2; *dc.*, *prsc.* and *st.* absent; *apl.* 2; *a.sc.* absent; *p.sa.* 2; *mpl.* 1; *pt.* more or less strong; scutellum with a pair of *a.sc.* only. Abdomen usually fairly elongated, distinctly narrowed at the base, convex and entirely devoid of bristles or bristly hairs; the five abdominal segments are often fixed and fused together; male hypopygium small; female ovipositor shows considerable variation in length in different species; it is usually cylindrical, but it may be quite short and cylindrical or flat; or it may be as long or even longer than the abdomen, in which case it is cylindrical and its length is due to the basal joint; legs normal; middle tibiae with a single spur. Wings normal in shape without any conspicuous bands or spots, and characterised by the inferior angle of Cu cell which is extremely elongated, sometimes reaching almost to the hind margin of the wing; stigma narrow and very elongated; costal bristle absent; costal vein thickened; *Sc.* indistinct; R1 bristly, ending before, at, or after the radio-median cross-vein; R2+3 not straight, near R1; R4+5 bristly over its whole length, usually much bent and diverging from M1; M1 curved after the median cross-vein; M3+Cu1 much diverging from M1; Cu2+2ndA long, reaching the hind margin; radio-median cross-vein always placed after the middle

of 1st M2 cell; median cross-vein long and oblique, not parallel with the radio-median cross-vein; Cu1 + Cu2 with a very characteristic, deep, median bend, and with its lower portion considerably prolonged; M cell much dilated; Cu cell with the inferior angle drawn out into a point, in some cases reaching almost to the hind margin of the wing.

TYPE : *Musca oleae* GMELIN (1788)

This genus has become a very large and important one in late years, owing to which fact Bezzi and Hendel have been compelled to split it up into many subgenera and divisions. This applies particularly to the Aethiopian, Oriental and Australian members of the genus, which are very numerous and differentiated. As the Palaearctic species however are only five in number (including the doubtful *sermaculatus*, Walk.) I propose to leave them in the old genus, as no useful purpose would be served in splitting them up into various subgenera, their individual characters being sufficiently distinctive. In the case of *zonatus*, Saund. however, I have preferred to place it in the subgenus *Chaetodacus*.

The five species of the genus *Dacus* represented in the Palaearctic Region have all been recorded in Egypt but *D. oleae*, Gmel., the well known fruit-fly of the olives is most certainly not established in the country. Of the other four species *D. longistylus*, Wied. is the only one that can be considered as an Egyptian species. *D. semisphaereus*, Beck. and *D. annulatus*, Beck. have never been recorded from this country since they were originally captured by Ehrenberg in 1857. I am of opinion, therefore, that unless these two species are recaptured in Egypt, they should not be considered as "Egyptian." Practically the same applies to *D. sermaculatus*, Walk., but the arguments for the suppression of this species from the Egyptian fauna are even stronger, as the type has very probably been destroyed and moreover most of the species of this author have become synonyms.

## TABLE OF EGYPTIAN SPECIES (Sensu lato)

- 1 (10) *Prsc.* absent ..... D A C U S (s. str.)
- 2 (5) Occiput with distinct lateral swellings
- 3 (9) Ovipositor cylindrical
- 4 (6) First segment of ovipositor at least as long as the whole abdomen ..... 1 *longistylus*, WIED.
- 5 (2) Occiput without any lateral swellings
- 6 (4) First segment of ovipositor shorter than the apical segment of the abdomen
- 7 (8) Thorax and abdomen almost entirely dark rusty brown ..... 2 *annulatus*, BECK.
- 8 (7) Species entirely yellow or reddish-yellow ..... 3 *semisphaereus*, BECK.
- 9 (3) Ovipositor flattened; wings in the male without any deep sinuosity on the hind border at the end of Cu2+2nd A; species dark ..... 4 *oleae*, GMEL.
- 10 (1) *Prsc.* present ..... *Chaetodacus* (*Sub-genus*)  
 Wings in the male with a remarkable deep sinuosity on the hind border at the end of Cu2+2nd A; species yellow .... *zonatus*, SAUND.

## DACUS LONGISTYLUS WIEDEMANN

(Pl. I figs. 6 and 9, Pl. II fig. 3)

WIED. Aussereurop. Zweifl. Ins., II. 522. 14. (1830).

*Kingi*, FROGATT Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S. Wales, XXXV, 866. (1910).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A light reddish-brown, comparatively large species, distinguished by its very long and cylindrical ovipositor and by the lateral swellings of the occiput.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 7—9 mm.; ovipositor : 3.5 mm.; wing : 5.9-6.2 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons yellow to reddish-yellow, except for two small elongated blackish spots from which arise the *s.or.*; sometimes the frons is dark brown below, at the base of the antennae; face light waxy yellow, very shining and with the two characteristic rounded or oval black spots, one in each of the antennal furrows; cheeks medium in breadth and of the same pale colour as the face, which colour continues upwards along the margin of the occiput; epistoma usually blackish except for a small space in the centre, in front yellow; proboscis reddish-brown and possessing some erect pale yellow hairs; ocellar triangle blackish; antennae brownish-yellow with the elongated third joint not pointed at the tip and usually darker in colour, being dark reddish-brown; the second and third joints bear a very minute shining white tomentum and in addition the second joint possesses some very fine white hairs; arista dark reddish-brown except on its basal third yellow to pale yellow; all the bristles are blackish.

Thorax of a characteristic dark reddish-brown colour with bright straw-coloured spots and entirely covered with a delicate silvery white tomentum and a fine white pubescence which gives it a brownish-grey appearance; there are also three more or less indistinct longitudinal dark lines in the upper third of the disc; the straw-coloured spots on the disc are disposed as follows: two large oval spots covering the humeri, two elongated somewhat triangular spots immediately before the suture, and in the lower half, an isolated triangular spot in the centre; the pleurae also possess conspicuous straw-coloured spots as follows: one large spot covering all the posterior half of the mesopleurae and which is in reality a continuation of the elongated spot immediately before the suture, one small rounded spot on the upper end of the sternopleurae and one large spot on the metapleurae; all the bristles are black; scutellum entirely pale yellow with 2 *a.sc.*

Abdomen reddish-yellow to dark reddish-yellow, with the lower



half of the second and the apical third of the third segments pale yellow; often also the lower margins of the fourth and fifth segments are paler but this is chiefly due to a minute white pulverulence present on the lower halves of the four apical segments and which gives the abdomen a characteristic grey banded appearance in certain lights; pubescence uniformly fine and shining white; female ovipositor cylindrical, reddish-yellow, shining and with the basal segment at least as long as the whole of the abdomen.

Legs yellow to pale yellow but with the apices of the femora darker, especially the hind femora; middle tibiae with one large and a second much smaller spur.

Wings hyaline with all the veins yellow and with a characteristic brown spot at the apex of the undulated R4+5; the stigma, subcosta and cells R1 and R3 are yellow; there is also a very diffuse, indistinct brownish spot in 1st M2 cell, below the radio-median cross-vein.

*D. longistylus*, var. nov. *clarus* (Pl. II fig. 2)

This variety is distinguished by the entirely yellow frons and antennae and by the general colour which is lighter, especially on the disc of the thorax where the ground colour is paler, hence the insect has a yellow appearance.

*D. longistylus* is found in Upper Egypt only, where it is very common wherever its food plant *Calotropis procera* grows. The larvae live in the fruits feeding on the seeds—and the adults run about on the leaves and fruits in the sunshine. I have captured it in Asswan and Kom-Ombo on *C. procera* only and have also bred it from larvae living in the fruits of that plant from the same localities, in January 1923.

The var. *clarus* however is so far known from Kharga Oasis only. I have before me 12 specimens of *D. longistylus* originating from the above locality, belonging to the collection of the Ministry of Agriculture and captured by Dr. L. H. Gough on 12.9.1917. 5 of these (2 ♂ and 3 ♀) are var. *clarus* and the other 7 typical *D. longistylus*.

DACUS ANNULATUS BECKER  
(Pl. II fig. 5)

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II. 138. 224 (1903).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small dark rusty brown almost black species with pale yellow legs and a short cylindrical ovipositor.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 6—6.8 mm.; ovipositor : 0.6 mm.; wing : 5.5 mm. —

*DESCRIPTION*.—Frons reddish-brown except for three spots from which arise the fronto-orbital bristles and the extreme base of the antennae brownish-black; face pale yellow with the usual two small blackish spots situated in the upper half and on the inner sides of the antennal furrows; proboscis and palpi yellow; cheeks narrow, pale yellow; vertex shining reddish-brown with the vertical triangle blackish; occiput shining black; antennae reddish-brown but the basal segment and the apical half of the third segment usually darker.

Thorax dark rusty-brown, dull, almost black except the humeri and two elongated triangular spots immediately before the suture yellow; these two spots continue below on the mesopleurae and end by a small spot on the sternopleurae; the metapleurae are also yellow; the whole of the disc and pleurae are covered with a very delicate, short and white pubescence; all the bristles are black; scutellum yellow with two black *a.sc.*

Abdomen dark rusty brown in the female but much darker in the male; the apical half of the second segment, however, is much paler and is at most dark yellow; male hypopygium reddish-brown; ovipositor very small, cylindrical and reddish-brown; the pubescence of the abdomen is uniformly short and white and shows a curious median line as if it had been parted in the centre.

Legs yellow except the bases of the middle and hind tibiae and the apices of the femora dark brown; sometimes the hind tibiae are entirely dark brown; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings hyaline with the veins yellowish-brown and a thin brownish line running along the base of R2+3 and R4+5; consequently the stigma and the whole of the *sc.* cell are brown, as well as the outer margin of R1 cell.

*D. annulatus*, in my opinion, is not a Palaearctic species. I have before me one ♀ (one of Dr. Beckers types) belonging to the Berlin Museum which was supposed to have been captured in Egypt by Ehremberg in 1856. I also possess 6 specimens (5 ♂ and 1 ♀) from Erythrea, given to me by my friend Prof. Dr. A. Mochi and I am told that this species is very common in Massawa.

#### DACUS SEMISPHAEREUS, BECKER

(Pl. III fig. 1)

BECK., *Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin*, 11, 139, 225. (1903).

*DIAGNOSIS*.—A small, somewhat globular, entirely reddish-yellow species with a very short cylindrical ovipositor.

*Female* : length of body : 4.3 mm.; ovipositor : 0.3 mm.; wing : 3 mm.

*Male* : Unknown.

*DESCRIPTION*.—Frons dull reddish-yellow; face pale yellow, shining and possessing the two usual dark rounded spots in the antennal grooves just above the epistoma; cheeks yellow; occiput and vertex reddish-yellow, with the ocellar triangle brownish; palpi and antennae somewhat dull reddish-yellow, but the latter with the extreme tip of the third joint dark brown; all the bristles are blackish.

Thorax entirely reddish-yellow except the humeral and prealar calli pale yellow, as well as the posterior half of the mesopleuræ and a small spot on the upper margin of the sternopleuræ; the pubescence is very short, white and rather dense; all the bristles are black; scutellum yellow, somewhat shining, with two black *a.sc.*

Abdomen of a characteristic shape resembling somewhat a hollow hemisphere, especially when seen sideways; it is of the same reddish-yellow colour as the thorax but on the three basal segments there are some irregular blackish spots; the pubescence is uniformly short and white; ovipositor very short, cylindrical and reddish-yellow.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings hyaline with the usual brown spot at the apex, not isolated but joined narrowly with the brown stigma by a thin brown line running along the upper margin; the Cu cell is entirely brownish and the radio-median cross-vein is blackish owing to its being finely bordered with brown.

I have before me Dr. Becker's type, being the only specimen known so far of this curious species. It belongs to the Berlin Museum and like the preceding has been captured by Ehrenberg and bears the vague label 'Egypt.'

#### DACUS OLEAE, GMELIN

(Pl. II fig. 4)

GMEL., *Syst. Naturæ*, 1.5.2844 (*Musca*) (1788); SIEUVE, (1769); PENCHIENATI, 595. (1788); ROSSI, 317.1538 (*Musca*) (1790); GIOVENE, (1792); OLIVIER, 386.(1792); FABR., 349.152. (*Musca*) (1794) et 215.3. (*Oscinis*) (1805); COQUEBERT, 110.pl.XXXIV.f.16. (*Musca*) (1804); BAYLE-BARELLE, 101. (*Musca*) (1809); POLLINI, (1817); BRIGANTI, 97.pl. (1822); TRIPALDI, 139. (1822); MEIG., 264.6. (*Brachyopa*) (1822) et 22.1.pl. VI.L.f.11—13. (1830); RISSO, 230.(1827); A. COSTA, 202. (1825); GRIMALDI, 1. (1828); PASSERINI, 10. pl. (*Musca*) (1829); WIED., 515 nota. (1830); LAURE, 17. (1834); GENE,

184.131. (*Oscinis*) (1835) et (1847); MACQ., 451.1(1835) et 370.(1852); BOYER DE FONSCOLOMBE, 112. (1840); CAUVIN (1840); NOTARIANI, (1841); ROMANO, pl. (1843); MAZZAROSA, 515.(1847); ROUBANDI, (1847); BOMPAN, (1848); MUSSO, (1848); BLAUD, (1849); MINA PALUMBO, 241. (*Oscinis*) (1852); LATR., IV.351. (1796); GUERIN-MENEVILLE, XIX. (1845); LUCAS, III. 496.252 (1849) et 13. (1881); O. COSTA, (1857) et 91.pl.V.A. (1877); COMPANYO. Pl. (1858); LW., 124.1.Pl.XXXI. f.2. (1862); HAGEN, 502. (1863); SCHIN., II.175. (1864); DISCOUZI, 227.24.(1862); BOISD., 604 (1867); ROND., VII. Dacoidi 48.1. (1871); KALTENB., 437.6.(1872); PERAGALLO, (1882) ALFONSO et BONAFEDE, 13.(1882); VITALE, (1887); MASSALONGO, 323,47.(1891) BRAUER, 88.(1883); del GUERCIO, (1900); LEONARDI, 272.f. 146.147(1900) RIBAGA, 27.f.15-18.(1901); BERLESE, 2-23.f.1-10.(1907); SILVESTRI (1907) et VIII.(1913) et (1914); PAOLI, 27. (1908); SACK., 7.4.(1908); BEZ., 290.(1909).

var. *fuustus* et var. *flavicentris* del GUERCIO, (1900); BERLESE, (1907).

*DIAGNOSIS*.— A small reddish-brown species with reddish-yellow legs and a short, flattened ovipositor.

*Male and Female*. Length of body : 6 mm. ; ovipositor : 0.6 mm. ; wing : 4.5 mm.

*DESCRIPTION*.— Frons reddish-yellow except along the margins of the eyes narrowly yellow; face shining yellow with the two blackish spots rather large, rounded and situated in the lower halves of the antennal furrows; cheeks narrow and reddish-yellow like the occiput; proboscis yellowish-brown, palpi reddish-yellow; antennae reddish-brown with the tip of the third joint usually blackish; all the bristles are black.

Thorax reddish-brown with three darker shining longitudinal lines on the disc and with a few other irregular blackish markings; the humeral and pre-alar calli are usually pale yellow and this colour is more extensive on the mesopleurae, leaving only the anterior lower angle and anterior margin reddish-yellow; the metapleurae are pale yellow and the usual pale spot on the upper margins of the sternopleurae is also present; the disc and most of the pleurae are covered with a very delicate white pulverulence which gives it a very dull appearance except on the three darker longitudinal lines; pubescence uniformly short and white; all the bristles are black; scutellum yellow with two black *a.sc.*

Abdomen reddish-brown with some irregular blackish spots on the second and third segments, those on the second segment being more constant and usually two, one on each side of and near the upper margin, but not touching the latter; the whole abdomen is somewhat

shining except on the apical half of the second segment owing to a fine white tomentum: the pubescence is short and white like that of the thorax: ovipositor, conical, flattened and shining black except at the base reddish-brown.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow.

Wings hyaline except the stigma yellowish-brown and a small isolated brown spot on the tip of R4+5.

The only three specimens known from Egypt of this species are: one in the collection of the Ministry of Agriculture labelled "Coll. Willcocks, 11.1912. Egypt ?" and two in the Sultanic Agricultural Society Collection, both labelled "from 2 dates stored — Gizeh Nov. 1912." This last data must be an error, for Mr. Willcocks\* states that his specimens were bred from pupae found in a piece of wrapping paper which he was given one day in November 1912 at Gizeh by Mr. T. Brown to wrap up some specimens he had collected. What the specimens were he does not remember but he declares that they were not specimens which could harbour the olive fruit fly. He further states that the pupae were not observed until the parcel was opened in the laboratory and then they were found attached to the paper where it had been folded. The paper in question had been taken out of a room in which various fruits had been stored but Mr. Willcocks was unable to ascertain if Egyptian olives had been kept there.

*Dacus oleae* Gmel. is spread through the whole of the Mediterranean basin, through the whole of Northern, Eastern and Southern Africa, Canary Islands and in Western Asia. It probably also occurs in India and wherever the species of the genus *Olea* exist.

#### DACUS SEXMACULATUS WALKER

WALK., The Entomologist, V. 344.83. Ortalid. (1871).

"Male. Reddish, slender, testaceous beneath. Head testaceous, with a black dot on each side of the facialia. Eyes piceous. Palpi long, slender. Antennae reaching the epistoma. Thorax with a black spot on each side near the scutellum, which is testaceous. Abdomen with a black spot on each side of the second segment. Legs testaceous. Wings pellucid, with a black costal stripe, which is slightly dilated at the tip; veins black, testaceous at the base; discal transverse vein nearly straight, parted by one fourth of its length from the border and by much more than twice its length from the praebrachial transverse vein. Length of body 3 lines. Harkeko."

(\*) A Survey of the more important Economic Insects and Mites of Egypt, p. 226, 1922.

The above is the original description by Walker of this doubtful species.

I have not seen the type and am not aware that it exists; moreover I have seen no specimen to which this description applies.

CHAETODACUS (*Dacus*) ZONATUS, SAUNDERS  
(Pl. II fig. 7 and Pl. I fig. 22)

SAUND., Trans. Entom. Soc. Lond., III. 61 Pl. 5. f. 3 (*Dasyneura*) (1841); WALK., List Dipt. Brit. Mus., IV. 1075. (*Dasyneura*) (1849); BEZ., Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici, III. 293 et 299 (*Dacus*) (1909) et Mem. Indian Mus., III. 3. 94. Pl. VIII. f. 4. (*Bactrocera*) (1913); ENDERL., Zool. Jahrb., XXXI. 408. (*Dacus*) (1911).

*maculigera*, DOLESCHALL, Nat. Tijdschr. v. Ned. Indie, XVII. 122. 79. (*Bactrocera*) (1859); FROGATT, Report on par. and inj. Ins., 1907-08. 94. (*Dacus*) (1909); BEZ., Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici, III. 294 et 300 (*Dacus*) (1909).

*persicae*, BIGOT, Ind. Mus. Notes, 1. 192 (*Rirellia*) (1889); COTES, l.c. 195. (*Rirellia*) (1889); LEFROY, Ind. Ins. Pests 170. f. 193 (*Rirellia*) (1906); BEZ., Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici, III. 293 et 298. (*Dacus*) (1909); FROGATT, Report on par. and inj. Ins., 1907-08. 82. Pl. II f. 5. (*Dacus*) (1909).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A medium size yellow species, easily distinguished by the presence of the *prsc.* and by the rather large and broad wings.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 6.5—7 mm.; ovipositor : 0.7 mm.; wing : 5.7 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons and face reddish-yellow to yellow, the latter with the two blackish oval spots in the lower half of the antennal furrows; cheeks, occiput, proboscis and palpi reddish-yellow; vertical triangle blackish; antennae reddish-yellow with the apex of the third joint dark brown; all the bristles are reddish-brown.

Thorax reddish yellow with irregular longitudinal darker lines on the disc and a thin yellow line close to the outer margin below the suture; the humeral and prealar calli are pale yellow as well as more than half of the mesopleurae, the whole of the hypopleurae and a spot on the upper margin of the sternopleurae; the whole of the thorax is covered with a very delicate white pulverulence, except in the position of the darker lines; the pubescence is short and white all over; all the bristles are dark reddish-brown and the presence of the *prsc.* at once distinguishes this species; scutellum shining yellow with two

reddish-brown *a.sc.* and a pubescence similar to that of the thorax.

Abdomen reddish-yellow, with usually the upper margin of the third segment blackish and the lower half or more of the second segment appearing pale greyish owing to a very delicate white pulverulence; the pubescence is uniformly short and pale; ovipositor longer than the fifth segment, conical, flattened and reddish-yellow. There is a row of bristles on each side arising from the lower margin of the third segment.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow or yellow except the base and apex of the hind tibiae brownish.

Wings large and broad, hyaline, with one small brownish spot at the apex of R4+5 (which is not always very distinct) and a large grey spot covering the apex of Cu2+2nd A; the stigma is dark; this species shows a small but remarkable difference in the sexual wing-dimorphism which consists of a deep sinuosity at the end of Cu2+2nd A on the hind border in the male only; this causes the 3rd A. cell to be produced like a second axillary lobe.

This species, so far is not indigenous to Egypt, but it is not unlikely that it may be introduced into our country. I have before me 2 specimens from the collection of the Ministry of Agriculture labelled "Port-Said, Customs from India, Sample N° 1036.14.V. 1914."

*Ch. zonatus* is very common and widely distributed in India where it is a serious pest on peaches; it is also known from Amboina and Sumatra.

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## 2. CARPOMYIA A. COSTA.

A. COSTA, *Annal. scient.*, i, 87, (1854); ROND., *Bull. soc. entom. ital.*, i, 164. (1869); BEZ., *Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici*, V, (1910).

Distinguished from the preceding genus, to which it is very similar by the pattern of the body and wings, by the absence of the *oc.*, and the shape of the head.

Head about as broad as high; frons slightly prominent; face flat and the fairly broad cheeks are narrower than in the preceding; eyes a little narrowed; epistoma not prominent; proboscis short, not geniculate; palpi small and bristly; antennae inserted at, or immediately below, the middle of the eyes, elongated; the third joint at least twice the length of the second, not attenuated and pointed at the upper corner; arista microscopically pubescent: *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 3; *oc.* obsolete; *prt.* not long, parallel; *ocp.* feebly developed. Thoracic chaetotaxy complete. Abdomen rather broad convex and bristly on the lower margins and the tip. Male genitalia and female ovipositor similar as in *Myiopardalis*.

Wings narrow, with a pattern similar to that of the preceding genus, but the yellow cross-bands are sometimes much reduced; costal bristle distinct or double; R2+3, R4+5 and M1 straight; R4+5 bare and parallel with M1 at the tip; radio-median cross-vein placed towards the middle of 1st M2 cell.

TYPE: *Carpomyia resuriana* A. COSTA (1854)

There has been great confusion over this genus. Bezzi has clearly shown in his paper of 1910 that it was named in MS. by Rondani in 1870, while the original mention of the genus appeared in Prof. A. Costa's rare paper "Framenti di entomologia napoletana, Naples 1854." Rondani, however, made matters worse by changing his opinion no less than three times, proposing successively as type three different and quite distant species. Hence the confusion, increased later by Walker and by Schmier through the wrong interpretation of the genus *Orellia*, became greater and persisted until our time.

Up to the present only two species have been described, both from the Palaearctic Region and inhabiting different species of *Zizyphus*, and as early as 1854 A. Costa stated that he obtained his



species (*resuriana*) from the fruits of *Zizyphus sativa*. The pupae of this and the second species are pale in colour, and according to Bezzi are similar in all respects to that of *Rhagoletis cerasi* Linn., which has been carefully and accurately studied by Prof. Mik, (Wien Entom. Zeitg., 279. X. taf. IV, (1898).

*C. incompleta* Beck is the only species of the two known from Egypt and its larva inhabits the fruits of *Zizyphus spina-christi* and *Z. jujuba*.

### CARPOMYIA INCOMPLETA BECKER

(Pl. II fig. 6 and Pl. I fig. 20)

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II. 135. 219. (*Trypeta*) (1903); BEZ. 1910, 1911, 1913, 1918; SILVESTRI, Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici, XI. 176. fig. 8. (1916).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A characteristic little fly, at once distinguished by its entirely pale yellowish body, the two black spots on the mesophragma and by the incompletely banded wings.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3.3—3.5 mm.; ovipositor : 0.4 mm.; wing : 3.5 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely yellow, except on the eye margins, face and cheeks very pale yellowish, owing to a very delicate and minute whitish pulverulence; eyes somewhat elongated, being about one and a half times higher than broad; cheeks broad, proboscis very short and bearing some pale yellow, erect bristly hairs; antennae elongate and narrow, with the third joint pointed at the upper corner of the tip; arista almost bare, blackish, except at the base yellow. There is a row of small blackish hairs on the lower margin of the cheeks and two minute black hairs on the ocellar triangle; all the bristles are brownish except the *pvt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristles which are pale yellow.

Thorax wholly yellow, with the three usual darker longitudinal lines on the disc, and entirely covered with a delicate whitish pulverulence; scutellum shining yellow; two characteristic shining rounded black spots are present on the lower side of the mesophragma; in addition there is a small black spot on the upper margin of the pteropleurae, immediately behind the wing base; the pubescence on the disc is very short but fairly dense, even and yellowish; on the scutellum it is much scarcer; the pleurae are almost bare except for a few longer yellowish hairs on the lower side of the mesopleurae and on the sternopleurae; all the bristles are brownish-yellow, but those on the pleurae are somewhat paler.

Abdomen brownish-yellow and covered with a very delicate yellowish-grey pulverulence, except on the upper margins of the second and third segments; male hypopygium small and rounded, yellow, but shining black at the tip and with a yellow, perpendicular middle organ below; it bears some pale yellow erect hairs; female ovipositor shorter than the two apical segments together, brownish-yellow and almost twice as broad on its basal half than on its apical half. The pubescence on the abdomen is uniformly pale yellow and somewhat erect; the strong apical bristles are brownish-yellow.

Legs entirely pale yellow, fairly strong, with the hind tibiae a little bent.

Wings hyaline with three incomplete, pale brownish-yellow bands; the first of these, near the base, extends from the costa to the lower angle of Cu cell; the second band covers the stigma and ends towards the middle of Cu 1 cell, with its outer margin running on the radio-median cross-vein; the third extends from the costa, runs over the median cross-vein to M3 + Cu1; the second and third bands are sometimes interrupted; all the veins are yellow, except R1 for a very short distance near its base, and the radio-median and median cross-veins blackish; costal bristle double. Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

This species is common throughout Egypt and its larva breeds in the fruit of *Zizyphus spina-christi* and *Z. jujuba*; the adults may be reared from the fruits from almost every locality during the months of October to May. As far as I am aware there is no record of the capture of the adult out in the fields. *C. incompleta* has a wide geographical distribution, being known from the Sudan (as the "Naleback fruit-fly"), from Erythrea and Italy.

## 3. MYIOPARDALIS BEZZI.

BEZZI, Mem. Indian Mus. III, (3), 132 (1913).

Well distinguished by the stump on R2+3, the bare R4+5, the very short point of the anal cell, the short proboscis, the strong ocellar bristles and by the colour of the thorax which is yellow with black spots.

Head distinctly longer than broad; frons convex and prominent; face flat, elongated below and without a carina; eyes fairly rounded; cheeks very broad; epistoma not prominent; proboscis short and not geniculate; palpi with bristly hairs only; occiput swollen below; antennae very short, inserted above the middle of the eyes, the third joint about one and a half times the length of the second and pointed at the tip; arista shortly pubescent on both sides. Chaetotaxy of head and thorax complete; *oc.* long and robust; *s.or.*2; *i.or.*3; *rt.*2; *prt.* weak and long; *ocp.* very inconspicuous; genal bristle indistinct; *scp.* very weak and inconspicuous; *mpl.*2; *pt.* strong. Scutellum rather flattened with black spots and possessing four bristles.

Abdomen rather broad, convex and bristly on the lower half, especially on the apex of the fifth segment; male hypopygium fairly prominent and possessing a perpendicular median organ below; female ovipositor short, rounded with a very small apical joint. Legs robust, rather short, with the middle-tibiae possessing a single spur.

Wings rather narrow, with yellow transverse bands and all the veins straight; costal bristle double; R1 short; R2+3 and R4+5 almost parallel; R2+3 with a stump; R4+5 bare; radio-median cross-vein placed before the middle of 1st M2 cell; median cross-vein perpendicular; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short point shorter than the median cell.

TYPE : *Carpomyia pardalina* BIGOT (1891)

This species was originally placed in the genus *Carpomyia* by Bigot, but in his paper of 1910 Prof. Bezzi has shown that it demands the erection of a new genus. Only one species is known so far, which seems to be indigenous to India and Palestine and most probably occurs in Africa.

MYIOPARDALIS PARDALINA. BIGOT  
(Pl. II fig. 8 and Pl. I figs. 3 and 24)

BIG., Indian Mus. Notes I, 77, pl. 5 fig. 1 (*Carpomyia*) (1891); CLEGHORN, I. c., II, 24 (*Carpomyia*) (1893); LEFROY, Indian Ins. Pests, 171, fig. 194 (*Carpomyia*) (1906); FROGGAT, Report, 112 (*Carpomyia*) (1909); BEZZI, Boll. Labor. Zool. Portici, V, 9, 2, fig. 1, 3, 4 (1910) et Mem. Indian Mus. III, (3), 132 (1913).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A yellowish, middle-sized species, easily distinguished by the black spotted thorax, scutellum, and by the four yellow bands on the wings.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 5.2—7 mm., ovipositor : 0.5 mm., wing : 4—4.8 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely yellow; frons prominent but somewhat darkened above the antennae; face almost flat, lighter in the centre than at the sides; cheeks very broad; proboscis short, and as dark as the darkest part of the frons; palpi pale yellow, bearing a few small and rather inconspicuous bristly hairs; oeciput swollen below and bearing some yellow hairs on its lower portion; antennae pale yellow, with the very shortly pubescent arista dark brown for more than its apical half. All the bristles are black except the *prt.* which is yellow and the rather weak genal bristles brownish.

Thorax with a very pale yellow ground colour, bearing conspicuous black spots and three much less distinct thin longitudinal dark yellow stripes on the upper half of the disc. The whole of the thorax is clothed with yellowish pubescence, which is longer on the pleurae; the bristles are black except the *st.* which is brownish, and the almost obsolete *scp.*, which are no more than yellow bristly hairs. The black spots, which, on more than the basal half of the thorax, are on the sides, are disposed as follows : one opaque on the humerus exactly above the *hm.*; one large, shining on its upper half and opaque and emarginate below and extending from the base of the *npl.* to beyond the *prst.* and reaching the suture on its lower side; one much larger on the anterior *sa.* extending laterally somewhat beyond the *dc.*, all shining, deeply emarginate above, less so below, and giving the appearance of two spots running together, indeed sometimes it is divided into two distinct spots; one shining and roundish on the postalar callus (which seems to join the side-spots of the scutellum); finally, a large shining central spot, immediately above the scutellum, which is rounded above and at the sides and straight below. The scutellum is pale yellow, devoid of pubescence and bears five black spots : two on the sides (appearing to run into those of the postalar calli); one central opaque, rounded, oval spot and two elongated

shining spots on the underside; of these one is slightly deeper and shorter, below the tip, and the other longer and almost interrupted in the middle at the base. Pleurae wholly yellow and bearing some pale yellow pubescence.

Abdomen entirely yellow with cinereous cross-bands on the hind margins of the second, third and fourth segments; the fifth segment is somewhat shining; the pubescence is short and pale near the base but longer and darker towards the tip; the apical half of the abdomen bears strong black bristles which are adpressed on the third and fourth segments and erect on the fifth. Venter wholly yellow, with a few black bristles on the fifth segment. Male hypopygium reddish-yellow and shining; female ovipositor short, yellow on its basal half and shining black on its apical half.

Legs entirely yellow, with the front femora in both sexes bearing some bristles, which are yellow and weak on the dorsal surface and much stronger below; the middle and hind coxae also bear a few black bristles.

Wings with all the veins yellow (except the short stump on R2+3 which is dark brown), and with three yellow cross-bands disposed as follows: the one near the base, which is the smallest, extends from below the humeral cross-vein over the M. and Cu. cells and ends in the top of Cu.1 cell; the second which is the widest, extends along the middle of the wing from the costa, over the stigma to about the centre of Cu.1 cell, its outer edge runs along the radio-medial cross-vein, this band being widest at its centre and gradually narrowing towards both ends; the third band is situated a little after the middle of the wing and extends just below the costa, over the stump outwardly on R4+5 and bends down, following the upper margin to the tip of the wing, thus forming an angle with the end turned towards the stump on R2+3; all these bands are edged with brown, especially at the tips of the lines forming the third angular band.

Squamulae and halteres yellowish.

Up to the present this species is not indigenous to Egypt. Only 5 specimens are known (2 males and 3 females) in the Ministry of Agriculture's collection labelled "Tul Keram 9.8.1919, bred on Faqus." It is recorded from India, where the larva is known to breed in melons and other cucurbitaceous fruits, to which it is said to be very injurious, more than ninety per cent of the crop apparently being destroyed by it. In that country it is known as the Baluchistan Melon-fly.

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## 4. CERATITIS, MAC LEAY.

MAC LEAY, Zool. Journ., IV. 475 (1829).

*Petalophora*, MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II.454.5. (1835) et Dipt. exot., II. 3 part. (1843).

*Halterophora*, ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII Ortalid. 29. (1870).

As restricted here this genus is easily distinguished from any other by the arista which is pubescent on the upper side only, the oblique position of the median cross-vein, and by the peculiar pattern of the wings.

Head as broad as high; face flat, very broad beneath; epistoma not prominent; cheeks rather broad; antennae inserted at the middle of the eyes, short, the third joint at least twice the length of the second and rounded at the tip; arista very long, shortly pubescent on the upper side only; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 2; *oc.* long and robust; *prt.* parallel; *ocp.* well developed, black; genal bristle weak; all the bristles are black except the *prt.* yellow and the genal bristle pale yellowish.

Thorax and scutellum black with conspicuous grey markings owing to a dense shining pulverulence of that colour; chaetotaxy complete; *dc.* nearer to the suture than to the scutellum; 1 *mpl.*; *pt.* strong; the *a.sc.* a little shorter than the *b.sc.* and converging at the apex.

Abdomen broad and short, bristly on the sides and at the end; male hypopygium small but fairly prominent; ovipositor short and flat.

Legs robust, not long; front femora in the male much more bristly than in the female; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings very broad and short with yellow and brown cross-bands and blackish streaks at the base; R1 short; R2+3 and R4+5 straight, the latter bristly throughout its length; radio-median cross-vein at the middle of 1st M2 cell; median cross-vein oblique owing to which the inferior angle of 1st M2 cell is acute; M cell a little dilated; Cu 2 very deeply curved in the middle and the lower angle of Cu cell drawn out into a point as long as M cell.

TYPE : *Trypeta capitata*, WIEDEMANN (1824).

This very important genus is represented in the Palaearctic Region by the type only, which has a very wide geographical distribution. However it has many other representatives in the Oriental Region and they all are, without exception, "fruit flies" in the proper sense of the word and cause excessive damage wherever they exist.

The bionomics of *Ceratitis capitata* have been known long ago and has often been studied. The larva feeds on a great variety of cultivated fruits (\*) some of these are : peaches, apricots, oranges, tangerines, figs, mangoes and guava.

CERATITIS CAPITATA WIEDEMANN  
(Pl II fig. 9).

WIED., Anal. entom., 55 (*Trypeta*) (1824) et 496.29. (*id.*) (1830); MACQ., 454.I. (*Petalophora*) (1835) et 219. (1843); GUER.-MENEV., 198.2. (1843); WESTW., 604. f. (1848); WOLLAST., 123. f. (1858); LW., 123.1. Pl. XXVI. f. 1. (1862); v. RÖD., 132. 1. (1885); HUBBARD, (1885); HENSLOW, 655. (1890); RIL. & HOWARD, 5 et 120. f. (1890); v.d. WULP, 189. (1896); LOUNSBURY, (1898); A. GIARD, 436-439. (1900); WACHTL, 275 (1900); JOHNSON, 79. (1904); MALLY, (1904); BECK., 144. (1905); JOHN, 58. (1905); IHERING, 4.f.2. (*Halterophora*) (1905); HEMPEL, 352 (1905) et 213. (1906); ALDRICH, 601. (1905); BECK., 136. (1908); FROGGATT, 308. (1908).

*citripeda* MAC LEAY, Zool. Journ., XVI. (1829); HEINEK., 198. (1830); MACQ., 219. t. XIX. f. 10. (1843); BRAUER, 89. (1883).

? *corsyca* WALK., List Dipt. Brit. Mus., 1042 (1855).

*flesnosa* WALK., Dipt. Saund., 382. (*Trypeta*) (1856); v. RÖD., 132.1. (*flesnosa*) (1885).

*hispanica* de BREME, Ann. Soc. entom. Fr., XI. 188. t. VII. f. 1 - 4 (1842); GOUREAU, 43. (1859); SCHIN., 174. (1864); ROND., 29.1. (*Petalophora*) (1870); LABOULB., 441. (1871); MINA PALUMBO, (1882); PERRIS, 439. (1871); ALFONSO & BONAFEDE, 13. (1882); PENZIG, 471. (*Halterophora*) (1887); BERLESE, 1-7.f.1 (1899) et 62.f.22. (1900); LEONARDI, 284. f. 148-150. (1900); RIBAGA, 35.f.19-30. (1901); BEZ., 276-279 (1909) et 130. (1913); QUAINANCE. (1912).

**DIAGNOSIS**.— A very handsome robust species, easily distinguished by the peculiar coloration of the body and wings, the latter being also broad and short and by the large rhomboidal palette-shaped longitudinally striated appendage of the male.

(\*) For a complete list of the plants attacked see Appendix (p. 125, 126).

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 4-5 mm. ; ovipositor : 0.9-1.2 mm. ; wing : 4.5 mm.

*DESCRIPTION:*— Frons yellow, getting much darker towards the base of the antennae, where it is dark brownish and bearing some blackish erect hairs in the middle; in addition the male only possesses two curious spathulate appendages at the end of two chaetae, which are silvery-grey in colour; face and cheeks yellow; vertex yellow, somewhat shining, with the ocellar triangle brownish-black; proboscis and palpi yellow, bristly; antennae with the two basal segments reddish-brown and the third segment usually yellow; arista blackish.

Thorax black on the disc, very shining, with very characteristic light grey markings which are due to a fine pulverulence of that colour; the black shining areas are as follows: the upper margin of the disc, the centres of the humeral calli, the two large upper corners, two small isolated, rounded spots in a straight line with the suture, two much larger isolated spots below these and the two large inferior corners; the humeral and prealar calli are whitish, except the centre of the former, as stated above, black; the pleurae are whitish and entirely covered with a delicate white tomentum; the mesopleurae possess a tuft of strong erect hairs, which in the male are black and in the female white; there are also some white strong hairs on the pteropleurae and sternopleurae, but these are constant in both sexes; scutellum very shining black like the thorax with a pale yellow band all round the base which is emarginate on both sides and not touching the extreme base; mesophragma dark yellowish-red; the pubescence on the disc and scutellum is short, adpressed and shining pale yellow; it is scarcer on the black areas, and on the scutellum it is not adpressed; all the bristles are black except the *scp.* yellow.

Abdomen orange-yellow with two reddish-brown bands which appear grey owing to a pale whitish pulverulence; the first of these bands occupies the lower half of the second segment and the second band the lower two thirds of the fourth segment; the pubescence is fairly dense, short, erect and blackish and on the lateral margins and apex long and bristly; female ovipositor short, broad, flattened and reddish-yellow.

Legs reddish-yellow with a row of rather long yellow bristles on the hind tibiae and the hairs on the upper side of the front femora are black in the male and yellow in the female.

Wings characterised by their breadth, the deep curve in Cu 2 and by the acute inferior angle of 1st M2 cell. The wing markings although almost indescribable are nevertheless characteristic, being



hyaline with black, brown and ochraceous markings with somewhat faded tints as shown in fig. 9 Pl. II.

This well known species has a wider geographical distribution than any other "fruit-fly" and this fact is chiefly due to its extraordinary variety of host plants belonging to no less than twenty four natural orders, as can be seen in the list given on page 125. *C. capitata* is known in almost the whole of Continental Africa, Southern Europe, Azores, India, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Cape Verde Islands, Madeira, Bermuda Islands, Hawaiian Islands and probably the East Indies.

In Egypt it is a very serious pest on peaches, mandarine, orange, sweet orange, and mangoes and the adult may be bred from any of these fruits in their respective seasons.

### 5. SPHENISCOMYIA, BEZZI.

BEZZI, Mem. Indian Mus., III, (3), 146 (1913).

*Spheniscus*, BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, IV, 138, (*Sphaeniscus*) (1908)

Becker considers this genus allied to *Acidia* and distinguishes it by its bare third vein (R4+5), and the characters of the head. Bezzi states that he erroneously called it *Sphaeniscus*, which name must be amended to *Spheniscus*; however, he further states that in this form the name is twice preoccupied in zoology; in birds (by Brisson, 1760) and in Coleoptera (by Kirby, 1817); he therefore proposed the name *Spheniscomyia*, which I have adopted.

This genus is distinguished by the bare R4+5 vein; the well developed costal bristle; the approximate radio-median and median cross-veins; two pairs of *i.or.*; by the black shining colour of the body; the absence of bristles on the abdomen; and by the pattern of the wings, which is like that of some species of *Urophora*.

Head broader than high; frons broad but becoming somewhat narrower towards the base of the antennae; face concave and narrower than the frons; eyes large and fairly rounded; cheeks narrow; epistoma not prominent in profile; proboscis short and palpi small and bristly; antennae placed just after the middle of the eyes, the third joint pubescent, rounded at the tip and about twice as long as the second joint; arista with a very minute and microscopic pubescence; *oc.* strong; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 2; *rt.* long; *prt.* parallel; genal bristle strong; *ocp.* well developed.

Thorax short, globose, entirely black and possessing a complete chaetotaxy; *mpl.* 1; *pt.* strong; scutellum small, rounded, convex and entirely black; scutellar bristles may either be 2 or 4, in the first case the *a.sc.* are wanting, in the second case they are only a little weaker than the *b.sc.* and converging at the apex. Abdomen short, rounded, convex, distinctly narrowed at the base, devoid of lateral or apical bristles. Male hypopygium small, rounded; female ovipositor long or medium, fairly broad and flattened.

Legs short; front femora with a row of 4-5 bristles below; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings normal in shape with a distinct costal bristle; subcosta indistinct; R1 very short, ending a little before the middle of the

wing and well in front of the radio-median cross-vein :R2 + 3 straight : R4 + 5 bare; M1 a little undulated; radio-median cross-vein perpendicular, placed near the apical fourth of 1st M2 cell, its distance from the median cross-vein usually equal to its length; inferior angle of Cu cell short and broad, usually shorter than M cell. Wing pattern very characteristic, black with deep hyaline indentations, especially at the hind margin, or in other words, hyaline with four black bands united together at the upper margin except for a short distance towards the middle.

TYPE : *Trypeta quadrincisa* WIEDEMANN (1824).

Apparently only two species of this interesting genus were known in the palaearctic region, *quadrincisa*, Wied., and *sexmaculata* Macq., which have a very wide distribution in South Europe, Africa, Asia and India. The two following Egyptian species do not correspond with the descriptions of the two previously known species and are consequently an important and interesting addition to the genus as well as to our Fauna. I have in addition the valuable confirmation of Prof. Bezzi's opinion on this point. One species differs from the original description of the genus by possessing only two scutellar bristles instead of four. I have named this after Dr. Br. Debski who first found one of the two native species in 1908 and who bred two adults from the inflorescence of *Stachys aegyptiaca*. The larvae live in the floral buds of this plant and feed on the corolla and essential organs of the flowers. Larvae and pupae were found on April 14th, 1908 and the latter hatched on April 20th 1908.

Unfortunately both imagines had been lost before I had the chance of examining them so that it is not possible to state which of these two species was in his possession.

The two Egyptian species seem to be flower-head feeders, as I have bred *S. aegyptiaca* from the floral spikes of *Lavandula coronifolia* from the Wadi Hoff.

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## SPHENISCOMYIA DEBSKII EFFLAT.

(Pl. III fig. 9)

EFFLAT., Bull. Soc. Roy. Entom. d'Egypte, 133. (1923)

**DIAGNOSIS:** A small black species which possesses only one pair of *b.sc.*; an entirely dark head; hind tibiae with at least their basal halves black and black wings, which, in addition to the three hyaline indentations, possess a hyaline band near the base leaving more than the upper half of the wing base black.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3—3.5 mm., ovipositor : 1.5 mm., wing : 3—3.3mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons very dark reddish-brown and dull owing to a very minute greyish pulverulence; face black, very shining, except for a vertical line situated between the hollows of the antennae which possesses a minute grey pubescence; cheeks also covered with grey pubescence above, but very shining black below; epistoma slightly projecting when seen from above; proboscis dark yellowish-brown, with brown bristles; occiput entirely black with the *ocp.* also black; antennae very dark blackish-brown with the third joint covered with a minute light reddish-brown pubescence; all the bristles of the head are black.

Thorax globate, very shining black, with all the bristles black; it also bears a dark reddish-brown pubescence, which is scattered; scutellum shining black, free from pubescence, and with only one pair of *b.sc.*

Abdomen shining black like the thorax, also bearing reddish-brown hairs, which are rather scattered and become a little longer at the apices of the segments; there are some much longer bristly hairs on the lateral margins of the three apical segments and on the lower margin of the fifth segment. Venter all dull black except for a median longitudinal shining black stripe. Male hypopygium small, rounded and shining black; female ovipositor longer than the abdomen, a little convex above but flat below, shining black and bearing some minute black hairs.

Legs black and yellow; all the femora are black; front and middle tibiae black on their basal halves, and yellow on their apical halves, although sometimes the black is a little more extensive on the middle tibiae, but never as much as on the hind tibiae which are black except the apical fourth yellow; tarsi wholly yellow except the two or three apical joints of the hind tarsi blackish; pubescence on legs black all over.

Wings normal in shape and characterised by having, in addition to the four black bands, a large black spot on the base which

extends from the costa to the base of M1. In other words the wings are black with four hyaline indentations, three of which are deep at the lower margin and one much smaller at the upper margin on the outer side of the stigma, and one complete hyaline band after the black base; the hyaline band extends from the costa after the humeral cross-vein with its outer margin running almost straight and vertically to the lower margin and its inner margin curving inwardly, almost in a semicircle, towards the base of the wing, thus leaving the lower part of the wing base entirely hyaline; the three deep hyaline indentations at the lower margin are disposed as follows: the first in the basal half of the wing, under the stigma, extends from M1 to the lower wing margin where it becomes gradually wider; the second in the apical half of the wing and situated immediately below the short radio-median cross-vein extends also from M1 to the lower wing margin but with its outer margin *well before the curved median cross-vein*; the third indentation in the apical third of the wing extends from R4+5, crossing R5 and 2nd M2 cells to the lower margin; its inner margin follows the same curve as that of the median cross-vein and its distance to this cross-vein is equal to the distance between the outer margin of the second deep indentation and the median cross-vein; its outer margin slants much outwardly, especially below M1 so that the indentation is much wider and more inflated below than above. The small, rather square-shaped indentation at the upper margin is situated at the middle of the wing and extends from the costa to about half way between R2+3 and R4+5, its inner top corner touching the tip of R1.

This and *S. aegyptiaca* are both very common in all the wadis around Helwan and probably wherever the food plant, *Stachys aegyptiaca*, of one of the two species grows. Unfortunately I am not in a position to say which of the two species breed in that plant, but I have collected both species from the *Stachys*, therefore in all probability it is the food plant of both species. My dates for the above species extend from March to May and I have also captured it in October and early November in the Wadi Hoff.

I have recently bred a large series of *S. debskii* from the inflorescence of *Stachys aegyptiaca* collected in the Wadi Hoff (10.IV to 28.V.1924).

SPHENISCOMYIA AEGYPTIACA EFFLAT.

(Pl. III fig. 2)

EFFLAT., Bull. Soc. Roy. Entom. d'Egypte, 137. (1923)

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small black species, easily distinguished

from *S. debskii* by the four scutellar bristles the yellow face and frons, the yellow hind tibiae, and by the wings which have their basal fourth entirely hyaline.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 2.3—3 mm., ovipositor : 0.6 mm., wing : 2.7 mm.

*DESCRIPTION:*—Frons dark yellow in the centre but getting paler towards the eye margins where it is almost white owing to a very minute silvery-white pulverulence; face greyish-yellow in the centre and silvery-white on the sides; cheeks also silvery-white owing to the same minute pulverulence and with a few pale hairs in addition to some pale bristly hairs on the back, beside the genal bristle; proboscis short, dark yellow and with some pale, longish and erect hairs; palpi yellow, with some minute pale bristles amongst which are intermingled a few black ones near the tip; occiput black; vertex dark yellow, slightly narrower than the frons, with the ocellar triangle blackish; antennae yellow with the third joint paler owing to its minute white pubescence; arista black except at the extreme base yellow; all the bristles of the head are black except the *i.or.* which are dark yellow near the base and the genal bristle which is very pale yellow.

Thorax shining black, somewhat aeneous and bearing scattered, whitish, adpressed hairs; all the bristles are black; scutellum very shining aeneous-black and bearing four black bristles; the *b.sc.* are long, strong and parallel and the two *a.sc.* shorter and converging at the apex.

Abdomen entirely shining aeneous-black like the thorax and bearing some small, scattered greyish hairs which are darker and longer at the apices and lateral margins of the three last segments; male hypopygium rounded, dark reddish-brown and bearing a very delicate but longish dark grey pubescence; female ovipositor as long as the five abdominal segments together, very shining black and possessing a pubescence very similar to that of the abdomen.

Legs with all the front, middle and hind femora blackish except the extreme tip yellow and the tibiae and all the tarsi wholly yellow; pubescence on legs blackish, but somewhat lighter on the front legs.

Wings black with the basal fourth entirely hyaline, one small hyaline indentation at the upper margin in the middle and three deep hyaline indentations at the lower margin; the upper small indentation is triangular in shape with the base of the triangle on the costa, immediately after the stigma, its inner basal angle touching the tip of R1, and its apex just passing over R2+3; the three deep lower indentations are disposed as follows: the first inner one, which is the broadest, is situated below the stigma and extends from M1 to the lower wing margin; the second indentation which is the

shortest, extends also from M1 to the lower margin but with its *inner lateral margin running on the median cross-vein*; the lateral margins of these two indentations are almost parallel to each other; the third indentation which is somewhat undulated and situated in the apical fourth of the wing, extends from just above R4+5 and downwards across M1 to the lower wing margin; all these three indentations very gradually widen from their bases to the lower margin of the wing; the radio-median cross-vein is close to the median cross-vein being at a distance from it which is equal to its own length. Squamulae and halteres yellowish.

I have bred one adult of this species from the floral spikes of *Larandula coronopifolia* which I had collected in Wadi Hussein. It very probably, however, also lives on *Stachys aegyptiaca*, upon which plant it may commonly be found from February to June together with its closely allied species, *S. debskii* in all the wadis near Helwan. I have captured it myself in February, March, April, May and June 10th in the Wadi Hoff, Wadi Rashid, Wadi Hussein, Wadi Rishrash as well as along the Suez Road, always on the *Stachys* and also by "sweeping" the flowering spikes of *Larandula*.

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## 6. METASPHENISCUS, HENDEL.

HEND., Wien. Entom. Zeitg., XXXIII. III. u. IV. 92. 116 (1914)

Very close to *Spheniscomyia* but distinguished from it, and from other genera, by the third antennal joint, which is at least three times as long as broad, by the white bristles of the occipital row, and the general metallic ground colour of the body.

Head as high as broad; face and frons as in *Spheniscomyia*, eyes large, more or less rounded; frons and epistoma a little prominent; cheeks narrow; antennae placed at the middle of the eyes, with the third joint rounded at the tip, and three times as long as the second joint; arista bare or at most microscopically pubescent; cephalic chaetotaxy very strong and complete; *oc.* strong; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 3; *rt.* very long; *prt.* divergent; *ocp.* very strong, white; genal bristle very strong. Proboscis very short; palpi bristly.

Thorax convex, somewhat more elongated than in the preceding genus, of a black colour, but owing to its being entirely covered with a fine grey tomentum, it appears a curious metallic grey; chaetotaxy strong and complete; 1 *mpl.*; scutellum with four bristles, the *a.sc.* much weaker than the *b.sc.* and converging at the apex. Abdomen very similar to *Spheniscomyia* in shape and colour, with apical bristles in the male; ovipositor long, fairly broad, and flattened. Legs fairly short; front femora with a row of bristles below; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings very broad and rather long, black, with hyaline indentations at the front and hind borders; R1 short, ending well in front of the radio-median cross-vein; this latter is not perpendicular and its distance from the median cross-vein is equal to more than its length; median cross-vein perpendicular and long; posterior angle of Cu cell shorter than M. cell; costal bristle double.

TYPE : *Trypeta gracilipes* LOEW (1862).

This artificial genus was founded by Hendel (1914) on Loew's species from Egypt.



## METASPHENISCUS GRACILIPES, LOEW.

(Pl. II, fig. 10)

Lw., Berlin. Entom. Zeitschr., VI. 90. (182)

*cyclopica*, BEZ., Bull. Soc. Entom. Ital., XXXIX. I-IV. 152. 213. (*Acidia*) (1908) et Bull. Entom. Research, IV. I. 23.3. (*Tephrella*) (1918).*w-fuscum*, ENDERL., Zool. Jahrb., XXXI. 425. (*Tephrella*) (1911).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small, pretty species with a metallic black body; black wings, which possesses two hyaline indentations on the front border and three on the hind border, as well as an isolated hyaline spot; and a long, broad and flattened ovipositor.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 4.5–5.4 mm., ovipositor : 2.5 mm., wing : 5 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely dull reddish-yellow and covered with pale tomentum, except the ocellar triangle blackish and the epistoma shining black; on the cheeks there are some minute, blackish, bristly hairs; all the bristles are dark brown except the strong and characteristic *ocp.* white.

Thorax, on the disc and pleurae, as well as the scutellum, of a uniform black ground colour and entirely covered with a dense and fine pale dust, which gives it a very dull grey appearance; when held, however, in certain lights the three usual longitudinal lines are well seen on the disc; the pubescence is very short, adpressed and pale; all the bristles are yellowish-brown and towards the apex blackish.

Abdomen of a characteristic metallic black colour, rather shining, and possessing a short, adpressed brown pubescence; on the apex of the fifth segment, in the male only, there is a row of blackish bristles. Male hypopygium small, globular, shining black, and bearing some bristles; female ovipositor longer than the abdomen and shining metallic black.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow.

Wings fairly large and elongate, black with deep hyaline indentations at the front and hind borders; the 1st and 2nd Costal cells are hyaline as well as the entire wing base; in the front border there are two hyaline indentations and one oval hyaline spot; the first indentation is immediately after the stigma, with its inner margin touching the latter, and extending downwards as far as R4+5 before the radio-median cross vein; the second indentation is a little deeper, situated after the radio-median cross-vein and reaching down about half way between R4+5 and M1; the oval hya-

line spot is in the apical fifth of the wing in R3 cell, with its upper and lower margins touching R2+3 and R4+5 respectively; on the hind border the axillary lobe is entirely hyaline and there are three deep hyaline indentations; the first of these is the largest, situated below the stigma towards the centre of Cu1 cell with its upper margin going just beyond M3+Cu1; the second hyaline indentation is the smallest and situated near the apex of Cu1 cell immediately below the radio-median cross-vein with its upper margin not reaching M3+Cu1; the third indentation begins at the tip of M3+Cu1 and its upper margin touching M1; the inner margin of this indentation is straight and touches the median cross-vein above, while its outer margin is wavy; in addition there are two minute indentations, in the shape of spots, towards the middle of 2nd M2 cell.

Squamulae whitish, halteres reddish-yellow.

Of this interesting species only five specimens were known all of which belonged to the Vienna Museum. They simply bear the label "Natt, 1858, Egypt." It has been found since in Erythrea and redescribed by Bezzi (1908) as *Tephrella cyclopica* and by Enderlein (1911) as *Tephrella w-fuscum*.

This is another species which is only known by the vague locality "Egypt" and for the reasons stated above on p. 30 for the present this species is only a doubtful member of the Egyptian fauna.

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## 7. ACIURA, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 773. 12 (1830).

*Platyparea* p.p., l.w., Trypetid., 26. (1862).

Allied to *Spheniscomyia* but distinguished from it as well as from other genera by the presence always of only one pair of *b.sc.*, the 3 *i.or.*, and usually by the pattern of the wings which are black with hyaline indentations and hyaline spots.

Head broader than high; frons very slightly narrowed forward; face a little concave; eyes large and rounded; cheeks narrow; epistoma not prominent; proboscis short; palpi small and bristly; antennae inserted towards the middle of the eyes, with the third joint rounded, fairly pointed at the end and delicately pubescent; arista short, pubescent or almost bare; *oc.* present, weak or strong; *s.or.2*, *i.or.3*, or *s.or.1*, *i.or.3*; *prt.* parallel; *ocp.* weak to well developed. The chaetotaxy of the head is composed of bristles which vary from black and thin in the typical species to all yellow and thin in some American species, while in one Indian species (*mauthotrica*, Bezzi) those on the vertex are yellow, short and stout and the others black; all these above mentioned characters show decidedly, in my opinion, that the genus is still composed of heterogeneous elements.

Thorax very convex, rounded and with a complete chaetotaxy; *pt.* strong; 1 strong *mpl.*; scutellum small, convex and bearing only two strong *b.sc.*

Abdomen convex, narrowed at the base and with or without small apical and lateral bristles. Ovipositor very variable, either short, broad and flattened, or long narrow and less flattened, or it may be longer than the abdomen.

Legs normal in shape and size with the front femora bristly below and the middle tibiae bearing a single spur.

Wings elongated, black with both hyaline indentations and discal spots, and with the pattern variable; there are usually two hyaline triangular indentations in the middle of the costa after the stigma, while in *Spheniscomyia* only one such indentation is present. R1 very short, ending well before the middle of the wing; R2+3, R4+5 and M1 rather curved; R4+5 bare; radio-median and median cross veins approximate, the former being placed in the

apical fourth of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu cell more or less drawn out into a point which is never long.

TYPE : *Acinra coryli* Rossi (1890)

The species of this genus appear to be uncommon. The only species so far known from Egypt, which is one of the typical forms, is an important and interesting addition to our dipterous fauna. Not more than eight species of this genus are known from the Palearctic Region, of these only three are typical (*femoralis*, Rob.-Desv., *rotundicentris*, Fall. and *tibialis* Rob.-Desv.); the others show a different wing pattern. The European species *A. femoralis* Rob.-Desv. has been bred from the thalamus of *Phlomis fruticosus* by Frauenfeld.

ACIURA TIBIALIS, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.  
(Pl. IV fig. 8 and Pl. I fig. 18)

Rob.-Desv., Myod., 773.3. (1830); Trypet., 30.2.t.11. f. 1. (1862); SCHIN., Faun. Austr., II. 113. (1864); Lw., Zeitschr. f.d. ges. Naturw. XXXIV.2. (1869); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. (Ortalid.) 37.2. (1871); BECK., Annuaire. d. Mus. Zool. d. l'Acad. Imp. Sc. d. St. Petersb., XVII. 644, 314. (1912).

*augates*, Lw., Linn. entom. I. 505. t. III. f. 16. (*Trypeta*) (1846); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 653. 24. (1858).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small, very shining black species, with beautiful black wings which possess hyaline indentations and hyaline discal spots.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3.2 mm.; ovipositor : 0.6 mm.; wing : 2.9—3.2 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons shining dark reddish-brown to almost blackish, usually even darker near the margin of the eyes; face and cheeks yellowish-brown and entirely covered with a very minute whitish pulverulence; proboscis dark yellowish to reddish-brown and bearing a few bristly hairs; palpi small, with the small bristles mostly pale, but some black; occiput shining black; vertex dark reddish-brown like the frons but blackened around the ocellar triangle; antennae reddish-yellow, with the rounded third joint covered with a very minute pale yellow pubescence and the arista almost bare, blackish on its apical half but reddish-yellow on its

basal half; *s.or.* 1, *i.or.* 3; *oc.* very weak; *ocp.* distinct; all the bristles are black.

Thorax and scutellum extremely shining black and almost free from pubescence, however the few scattered hairs which are present are black; all the bristles are black.

Abdomen entirely black, shining, with a short blackish pubescence except at the apex where it becomes somewhat bristly; female ovipositor longer than the two apical segments of the abdomen together, flattened, rather pointed at the tip and entirely shining black; it possesses a very minute and inconspicuous pubescence.

Legs with all the femora black except the extreme tip dark yellowish-brown; front tibiae and tarsi wholly yellow; middle tibiae yellowish-brown and somewhat darkened for two thirds of their length from the base but with the apical third yellow; hind tibiae blackish except at the extreme tip yellow; middle and hind tarsi wholly reddish-yellow; the front femora possess below two rows of about eight small black bristles each, one row on the outer and one on the inner margin. The pubescence on the legs is fairly short and uniformly blackish.

Wings black with six hyaline indentations and three hyaline discal spots; the indentations are disposed as follows: one oblique, before the stigma, extending from the costa and running to the base of the wing and to the lower margin, covering more than the lower half of the extreme base and the alula, being narrow above and much broader below; two triangular indentations at the upper margin, toward the middle, close to each other, the inner top angle of the inner one touching the stigma; the vertex of both these triangles always extends beyond R2+3 and the costa is yellow in correspondence with these triangles, the vertex of the second triangle being exactly above the radio-median cross-vein. The three remaining indentations are at the hind margin and are almost equidistant from each other; the first, which is the smallest, is oblong and situated in the base of Cu1 cell with the apex well before M3+Cu1; the second, which is larger than the first is in the apex of Cu1 cell, its apex touching M3+Cu1; the third is in the base of 2nd M2 cell with its apex touching the middle of the median cross-vein; it is the longest and broadest of the three lower indentations, very pointed at the apex and very broad at the base forming somewhat a right angled triangle. The three hyaline rounded spots are: one near the base of 1st M2 cell, its upper margin touching M1; one (the smallest) in the upper half and at the apex of 1st M2 cell but never touching any of the neighbouring veins; the third, which is sometimes oval, in the basal half of R5 cell in the middle; these spots are somewhat variable in size, shape and rarely in position. Costal bristle distinct although small; stigma deep black with its superior angle

yellow; radio-median cross-vein close to the median cross-vein, being at a distance from it which is about equal to its own length.

Squamulae and halteres pale yellow.

I have captured this beautiful species so far in the Wadi Hoff only, by "sweeping" the floral spikes of *Larandula*. My records extend from end of April to about June 15th. *A. Tibialis* seems to be rare and is new to our fauna, it is known from South Europe, i.e. Italy, Spain, Portugal, South of France and Loew states that Zeller has once found it in South Austria (Styria). This species has also been recorded from Madeira Island, Persia and Morocco.

I have lately bred this interesting species from the inflorescence of *Larandula coronopifolia* collected in Wadi Hoff on 8.V.1924. one ♀ emerged on 10.V. and 2 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ on 12.V.24.

## 8. MYOPITES, BRÉBISSON.

BRÉB., Mém. Soc. Linn. de Normand., 1826-27

*Styilia* p.p. ROB.-DESV., Myod., 755 (1830).

Distinguished by the shape of the head, the strong *oc.*, the very long and geniculate proboscis, the obsolete costal bristle and by the obtuse inferior angle of Cu cell.

Head much deeper than high and deeper than broad; frons broad and very elongated; face short, concave; eyes fairly rounded; cheeks narrow to medium; epistoma very prominent and the mouth opening, which is proportionately wide, is very elongated; proboscis very long and geniculate; palpi large and prominent but not broad and bearing minute bristles; antennae short but stout; the third joint, which is less than one and a half times the length of the second, is rounded at the tip but not pointed and bears a very minute but dense pubescence; arista short and microscopically pubescent. *prt.* weak and parallel; *oc.* strong; *s.or.* 1, *i.or.* 2; genal bristle and *ocp.* well developed.

Thorax rather elongated, convex with a complete chaetotaxy; scutellum with four bristles.

Abdomen elongated, usually with the lower margins of the segments protruding in the centre, especially in the male; female ovipositor long conical and not flattened.

Legs normal; middle tibia with a single spur.

Wings comparatively narrow and elongated, pellucid with elongated brownish or yellowish-brown spots forming transverse half-bands and rarely complete bands; costal bristle obsolete; R4+5 bare; M1 not straight, its apical third convergent to R4+5; radio-median cross-vein placed towards the middle of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu cell obtuse.

TYPE : *Myopites blotii* BRÉBISSON (1830).

So far only one species is recorded from Egypt, but nothing is known about its life-history. In Europe another species (*M. inulae*, v. Ros.) has been bred from species of *Inula* and *Pulicaria*.

MYOPITES VARIOFASCIATA, BECKER.  
(Pl. IV fig. 7 and Pl. I figs 5 and 7)

BECKER, Mittell. Zool. Mus. Berlin II 131-132 (1903)

*DIAGNOSIS*.— A small brownish species, easily distinguished by the long geniculate proboscis, the absence of the costal bristle and by the obtuse inferior angle of Cu cell.

*Male and Female*. Length of body : 3.2 mm. ; ovipositor : 1 mm. ; wing : 2.5 mm.

*DESCRIPTION*.— Head entirely yellow ; cheeks and palpi pale yellow, the latter bearing some minute black bristles ; occiput black ; vertex fairly broad with the black ocellar triangle very conspicuous and covered with a minute pale yellow pubescence ; arista black except at the base which is yellow ; all the bristles are black.

Thorax very dark reddish-brown, almost black, except on the calli which are yellow, and entirely covered with a dense shining golden-yellow pulverulence, which is paler and coarser on the pleurae ; scutellum yellow except on the two basal corners and the extreme base blackish and bearing 4 bristles ; all the bristles are black.

Abdomen black with a broad median longitudinal dark yellow band which is emarginate on the sides ; in addition there are some black spots in this yellow band, two on each segment and situated one on each side of the median line ; the two on the first segment are the broadest, elongated horizontally, with their outer margin running into the black colour of the abdomen ; the three other pairs of spots (one pair on each of the second, third and fourth segments) are smaller, elongated vertically and situated near the base of the segments. The pubescence on the abdomen is greyish and very minute, except on the lower margins of the two apical segments where it is very long and blackish, and at the tip bristly ; fifth abdominal segment small and entirely shining black ; male hypopygium small, rounded, black at the base and reddish-yellow at the apex ; female ovipositor almost as long as the abdomen, shining black except the apical part which is reddish with two longitudinal black lines.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow with the usual short blackish pubescence.

Wings hyaline, yellowish-brown at the base, with five transverse bands, two of which, the second and fourth, are almost complete and the others incomplete ; the first band is situated near the base between R1 and Cu2 + 2nd A and covering M and Cu cells ; the second, situated at about the middle of the wing, extends from the costa, over the radio-median cross-vein, almost touching the lower wing margin and its inner margin touching the deep yellow stigma ;



the third band begins on the costa, runs over R2+3 and ends on R4+5; the fourth extends from the costa at the tip of R2+3, covering the median cross-vein, the tip of M3+Cu1, to the lower margin of the wing; the fifth is in reality more of a spot than a band and may be triangular or quadrate in shape; it covers the apices of R4+5 and M1 and always goes beyond this vein. Squamulae and halteres yellow.

A small, interesting and apparently rare species which seems to occur only in Alexandria and its neighbourhood. I have captured three specimens, two males and one female at Cleopatra by sweeping in low herbage on August 10th and 14th, 1921. Unfortunately I have not been able to find this species since, although I have carefully searched for it in the same locality, but at a slightly earlier date (towards the beginning of July). Becker had originally found it and captured a small series in Alexandria in November, so that in all probability it may prove to be commoner during the autumn and winter. The food plant is unknown.

### 9. UROPHORA, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 769. 12 (1830)

Distinguished by the 1 *s.or.*, 2 *i.or.*; the four scutellar bristles; the very weak costal bristle and the obtuse inferior angle of Cu cell.

Head broader than high and usually more or less yellow; frons broad, not prominent; face short and flat; eyes fairly rounded; cheeks broad; epistoma not prominent; proboscis a little elongated and geniculate; palpi small, flat and bristly; antennae with the third joint stout, twice longer than broad, straight above and rounded below; arista microscopically pubescent; *s.or.* 1. short, *i.or.* 2; *oc.* strong *prt.* parallel; genal bristle present; *ocp.* strong and well developed; all the bristles are black.

Thorax short, convex, entirely black on the disc and the pleurae, except for some yellow spots on the humerus and on the upper margins of the mesopleurae and pteropleurae; scutellum usually more or less yellow. Chaetotaxy of the thorax complete; *mpl.* 2; *a.sc.* 2. *b.sc.* 2; all the bristles are black.

Abdomen elongated, distinctly narrow at the base, convex, entirely black, with lateral and apical bristles; female ovipositor long, conical, shining black, somewhat swollen at the base and not flattened.

Legs with the front femora bearing rows of bristles and the middle tibiae a single spur.

Wings proportionately small, hyaline and usually with four black bands united together above the middle of the wing; some palaeartic species however possess entirely hyaline wings. Costal bristle very weak, almost obsolete; R4+5 bare, a little undulated and parallel with M1; radio-median cross-vein placed towards the middle of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu cell very obtuse.

TYPE : *Musca solstitialis* LINNAEUS (1758).

About thirty species are known from the palaearctic region, two of which are known so far from Egypt, *macrura* Lw. and *quadri-fasciata* Meig. They both seem to be flower-head feeders; the former is believed to breed in the heads of *Onopordon* and *Centaurea* sp. and the latter in the heads of *Centaurea* sp. I have captured the latter commonly on *Centaurea pallescens* together with *Trypanea jaceae* Rob.-Desv

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- 1 (2) Middle and hind femora entirely yellow;  
wings with the first and second bands  
widely separated ..... 1 *macrura* Lw.
- 2 (1) Front, middle and hind tibiae black ex-  
cept at the tip; wings with the first and  
second bands united above ..... 2 *quadrifasciata*, MEIG.

UROPHORA MACRURA LOEW  
(Pl. III fig. 1 and pl. I figs. 4 and 16)

Lw., Stettin. entom. Zeitg., XVI. 40 (*Trypeta*) (1855) et Trypetid., 69.4. tab. XI. fig. 1 (1862); ERFELD., Sitzungs. Kais. Akad. Wiss., XXII. 549 (1856); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 654.28 (1858) et Faun. Austr., Dipt., II. 137 (1864); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 380.69 et 382.13 et 387.61 (*Trypeta*) (1872); FITCH., The Entom., XV. 138 (1882).

*lejura* Rond., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Tephrit. 19.16 (1870).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small black species, easily distinguished by the entirely yellow middle and hind femora and by the pattern of the wings which possess the first and second bands well separated.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 4.5–5 mm.; ovipositor : 3.5–4 mm., wing : 4.7 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons reddish-yellow; face very pale yellow; cheeks broad, pale yellow and possessing in addition to the genal bristle two longitudinal rows of minute black bristles; proboscis pale reddish-yellow with a few erect hairs; palpi pale yellow except at the tip reddish-yellow and bearing some minute black bristles; occiput for the most part blackish except above where it is usually dark brownish-yellow; antennae reddish-yellow, with the arista black except at the base yellow.

Thorax entirely black on the disc and covered with a minute, dense, greyish-yellow pulverulence, except on the fore, hind and lateral margins; the humeri and the upper thirds of the mesopleurae and pteropleurae are pale yellow; the rest of the pleurae are all shining black; the pubescence on the disc is short and black, but erect and bristly; it is somewhat longer and bristly on the humeri; scutellum

pale yellow except on the extreme basal corners blackish; all the bristles are black.

Abdomen entirely shining black with a dense, black and erect pubescence, which becomes much longer and bristly on the sides and at the apex; on the whole the pubescence is denser and stronger than in *U. quadrifasciata*; female ovipositor very long, narrow, cylindrical and about once and a half to twice the length of the abdomen; it is somewhat swollen and broader on its basal fourth, but much less so than in the following species, entirely shining black and possessing a black, even, erect and fairly short bristly pubescence.

Legs entirely yellow except for an elongated black spot on the outer side of the front femora which extends from the base to about two thirds of the length of the joint; in addition the front femora bear three rows of black bristles, two rows above and one below; the pubescence on the legs is uniformly black, even and fairly dense.

Wings hyaline, except the basal fourth dark yellowish and with four black transverse bands disposed as follows: the first is more like an elongated spot and extends from the costa, before the stigma, to about the middle of  $Cu2+2nd\ A.$  almost entirely covering the M and Cu cells; the second band, situated across the middle of the wing, is entire, almost perpendicular and extends from the costa to the lower margin, covering the outer half of the stigma and the radio-median cross-vein; the third and fourth bands are united together in R3 cell; the first of these two bands is undulated and covers the median cross-vein as well as the tip of  $M3+Cu1$  and the second covers the apices of  $R4+5$  and  $M1$ ; in other words the apical third of the wing may be described as black with a deep triangular hyaline indentation at the lower margin, the vertex of which almost reaching  $R2+3$ ; the stigma, the costa and all the veins are yellow in correspondence with the hyaline colour and black with the bands; costal bristle weak.

This is a common species throughout Egypt and I strongly suspect it to breed in *Onopordon ambiquum* as I have always captured it on this plant from March to May. It very likely also breeds in other Compositae as it is quite common in my garden in Shoubrah, where I am quite certain there are no species of *Onopordon* growing, but plenty of *Chrysanthemums*, *Asters*, *Cosmeas*, etc. My records extend from March to July.

It is known from Greece and throughout Central and South Europe and it very probably occurs in many other parts of the world.

UROPHORA QUADRIFASCIATA MEIGEN  
(Pl. III fig. 8)

MEIG., Syst. Besch., V. 331. 29. t. XLIX. f. 3 (*Trypeta*) (1826); MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II. 457. 10. (1835) Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 360 t.I.f. 28. (*Trypeta*) (1844); GOUREAU, A. D. Soc. entom. France, II. 3. 86. (1845); Lw. Linn. entom., I. 508 31. (*Trypeta*) (1846); SCHOLTZ, Zeitschr. f. Entom. Breslau, 14. (1848); FRFLD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 552. (1856); DUF., Ann. Soc. entom. France, 53. (1857); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 657. 34. (1858); Lw., Trypetid., 75. 13. t. XII. f. 4. (1862); SCHIN., Fann. Austr., II. 139. (1864); ROND., Dipter. Ital. Prodr., VII. 20 13 (*Tephritis*) (1870); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 386. 50. (*Trypeta*) (1872).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small black species, somewhat smaller than *U. macrura*, but distinguished from it by its femora which are black except for the tip yellow and by the wings which possess the two first bands united above.

**Male and Female:**— Length of body : 3–3.5 mm.; ovipositor : 1.9 mm.; wing : 2.8–3 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head very similar to that of *U. macrura* but the thorax is shining black owing to the much finer and scarcer brownish-yellow pulverulence on the disc, leaving the three usual longitudinal lines more pronounced although inconspicuous; the humerus is black and usually only with a small yellow spot below.

Abdomen very similar to the preceding species but the pubescence is not as dense and somewhat less bristly; the ovipositor, which is distinctly shorter, is much more swollen in its basal half.

Legs with all the femora black except for the apices which are yellow; tibiae and tarsi wholly yellow.

Wings characterised by the pattern, which differs from that of *U. macrura* as follows; the two first black bands are united above near the base of R4+5, thus leaving the basal third of R3 and R1 cells, the subcostal cell, the stigma and the whole of the 2nd costal cell black; the union of the third and fourth black bands is thicker and the vertex of the deep hyaline indentation (limited by these bands) never passes R4+5.

Squamulae and halteres yellowish.

I have often captured this species in the neighbourhoods of Cairo on *Centaurea pallescens*, Linn. in the flower-heads of which plant the larva lives, together with the larva of *Terellia jaccae*

Rob.-Desv. In all probability it will be found common wherever its widely distributed food-plant grows. My dates extend from March to June. In central and Southern Europe this species is known to breed in different species of *Centaurea*, such as *jaceae*, *paniculata*, *nigra* etc. *U. quadrifasciata* has also lately been recorded from Spain (Catalonia) by Codina.

Lately I have bred *U. quadrifasciata* from the capitulum of *Centaurea pallescens* collected at Kerdacé (3.V.1924). Three specimens, 1 ♂ and 2 ♀ ♀ emerged on 10.V.1924.

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## 10. SCHISTOPTERUM, BECKER.

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II, 137, (1903).

Easily distinguished by the cleft in the costa, the greatly curved veins, the indistinct stigma and the two costal bristles.

Head broader than high; frons convex and prominent; face very short, with a carina, and distinctly concave owing to the prominent epistoma; eyes large, somewhat elongated, not distinctly pointed; proboscis short and not geniculate; palpi broad and flat, protruding and feebly bristly; vertex broad and flattened; antennae inserted below the middle of the eyes, elongated and slender, the third joint about one and a half times as long as the second, tapering gradually towards the tip, but not ending in a fine point; arista short and bare; *oc.* extremely weak, almost obsolete; *s.or.* 1, *i.or.* 2; *ct.* 2; *prt.* short but strong; genal bristle distinct, yellowish-brown; *ocp.* weak, indistinct and pale.

Thorax almost globose, with a complete chaetotaxy; *scp.* short and pale; *dc.* long and strong; *hm.* 2, one fairly long and dark yellowish-brown, the lower small, weak and pale; *pt.* not long but strong. Scutellum very large, rather rounded with four bristles, the *b.sc.* very long and the *a.sc.* very short.

Abdomen broad but not longer than the thorax, bristly at the tip. Male hypopygium not prominent, of medium size; female ovipositor flat below, with the basal joint as long as the fourth and fifth joints of the abdomen together, and the apical joint invisible.

Wings well characterised by a strong cleft in the costa, immediately before the stigma, thus forming a projecting extremity with two short bristles at the tip; stigma very small, indistinct and situated immediately below the cleft. Most of the longitudinal veins are very much curved and some extremely short; the subcosta is very short, somewhat S-shaped and indistinct; R1 extremely short, ending in a deep curve, almost a semicircle, bordering the outer margin of the stigma; R2+3 also short, curving suddenly almost at right angles and ending at about the middle of the costa; R4+5 gently curved, slightly S-shaped and ending exactly at the tip of the wing; M1 much curved away from R4+5; radio-median cross-vein almost indistinct, placed after the middle of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu. cell not drawn out into a sharp point; M1 curved posteriorly almost at right angles.

TYPE : *Schistopterus moebiusi* BECKER (1903).

This is the only species of this curious and interesting genus known up to the present, which, owing to the above mentioned characters stands well apart from any other known genus in this family. It breeds in the capitulum of *Pluchea dioscoridis* from which plant I have bred the adults.

SCHISTOPTERUM MOEBIUSI, BECKER  
(Pl. III fig. 5 and pl. I figs. 2 and 10)

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II, 137 (1903).

*DIAGNOSIS*:— A small black species with very beautiful and characteristic wings, possessing a cleft above the minute stigma, and with the veins greatly curved and some very short.

*Male and Female*. Length of body : 1.7–2 mm., ovipositor : 0.5 mm., wing : 1.7–1.9 mm.

*DESCRIPTION*:— Head wholly shining dark yellow; frons prominent, dark yellow to yellowish-brown; face dark yellowish-brown, very short, concave with a carina; cheeks less shining, yellow, normal; epistoma very broad, prominent, dark yellow, except for an elongated triangular dark spot on each side; proboscis very short and not geniculate, palpi rather long, prominent, broad and very flat, with more than their basal halves yellow and their apical third black: they are covered with a very minute and delicate pubescence; occiput flat, blackish; vertex broad, flat and dull yellow with the small shining black vertical triangle very conspicuous; antennae inserted immediately below the middle of the eyes, the third joint at least three times as long as broad, gradually tapering to the apex, with its apical half, as well as the dorsal edge of its basal half, black and the remaining part yellow; arista a little longer than the third joint, thin, pale yellow. All the bristles are dark yellowish-brown except the short outer *rt* and the *prt*, which are white.

Thorax globose, especially on the side margins, dull black owing to a very fine greyish pulverulence, and possessing short, white, rather adpressed hairs, which are thinly scattered over the thorax, and scarcer on the pleurae and scutellum. The bristles are long and brownish-yellow.

Abdomen entirely black with the four basal segments also dull owing to the same fine greyish pulverulence, but the apical half (fifth segment and ovipositor) shining; male hypopygium medium in size and bearing some minute hairs. The ovipositor is almost as long as half the length of the abdomen and possesses some very deli-



cate and inconspicuous greyish-yellow hairs; the hind margins of the four basal segments possess each a row of adpressed white hairs, and those on the hind margin of the 5th segment are much longer, less adpressed, and brown; all the abdomen possesses in addition an inconspicuous dark brown pubescence.

Legs brown and yellow: front and middle femora very dark brown except at the extreme tip which is yellowish-brown, and the front tibiae yellow, except for a short distance on the outer margin near the base which is dark brown; middle tibiae with their basal halves blackish-brown; hind legs with the femora entirely black and the tibiae black except their apical thirds which are yellow; all the tarsi wholly yellow. The pubescence on the legs is medium and for the most part dark brownish.

Wings with their basal halves dark and their apical halves almost without markings; these consist only of five brownish-black narrow bands and spots of various colours which show through the blackish-brown ground colour of the basal half; the first band which is the shortest, thickest and darkest, is situated before the middle of the wing and extends from R2+3 crossing R1 vertically, covering the stigma to the costa and its outer margin ending with the projecting extremity of the costal cleft; the second band, immediately after the middle of the wing runs up vertically from R4+5 to the costa with its apical third covering the tip of R2+3; the third, fourth and fifth bands seem to originate from one main band running over R4+5 and ending at about three-quarters of the length of this vein by the bifurcation of the third and fourth bands; the third runs outwardly and upwards to the costa and the fourth downwards and outwardly to the lower wing margin covering the end of M1; the fifth band is short, vertical, situated exactly beneath and in a straight line with the second band; the most conspicuous of the spots on the basal half is a deep yellow rounded spot between R2+3 and R4+5; in addition, there are three dark reddish-brown spots, one elongated and triangular, between R2+3 and R4+5 (almost touching the deep yellow spot), the second oval, at the end of 1st M2 cell, and the third, which is the smallest, immediately after the median cross-vein in 2nd M2 cell with its upper margin touching M1; the arrangement of the white spots is as follows: one large spot above the deep yellow one; one elongated and rather pointed below, just before the stigma; one small spot entirely covering the very inconspicuous radio-median cross-vein; one fairly large and elongated spot near the base and lower end of 2nd M2 cell; one small spot in 1st M2 cell; three small and one larger round spots in Cu1 cell; three small and one larger round spots in Cu1 cell, and two small rounded spots in 2nd A cell; in addition there is a small black spot at the apex of R4+5.

This small but beautiful species is very common throughout Lower Egypt. It seems to be found wherever the shrub *Pluchea dioscoridis* grows, in the inflorescence of which the larva feeds and lives. I have bred it from the inflorescence of this plant (together with *Terellia planiscutellata* Beck.) from Ghezireh, Maadi, Barrage and Alexandria, and Becker has captured the adults on the same plant in the desert near Siala (Fayum). My dates extend from March to November.

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## 11. TERELLIA, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 758. (1830).

*Orellia*, ROB.-DESV., Myod., 765. X. (1830)

*Sitarea* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 764. (1830).

*Cerajocera*, ROND., Dipterol. ital. Prodr., I. 111. 16. (1856).

*Trypeta* LW., Trypetid., 51. XII. (1862).

*Ceriocera*, ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Tephrit. 31.X. (1870).

Distinguished by the wings which are usually without any markings and occasionally banded or spotted; by M cell which is always longer than the inferior angle of Cu cell and by the four scutellar bristles.

Head broader than high; frons broad, not prominent or very slightly so; face short, concave; cheeks fairly broad or narrow; epistoma more or less prominent; proboscis short not geniculate; palpi small, flat and bristly at end; vertex broad; antennae usually short, not reaching the epistoma, the third joint rounded beneath and gradually tapering to the tip, but it may be more elongated and in this case it is rounded at the apex; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 3 or 2; *oc.* strong; *prt.* parallel or diverging; *ocp.* and genal bristle well developed.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy; *dc.* 2 to 4; 2 to 1 strong *mpl.*; *scp.* present or obsolete; scutellum with 4 bristles. Abdomen elongated, convex, with lateral and apical bristles which are usually short; female ovipositor corneous, flattened and usually rather long.

Wings comparatively small, almost always entirely hyaline (in the species here described), sometimes clouded with white or opaque, sometimes they may be with transverse bands; all the veins are usually straight; R2+3 and R4+5 nearly always parallel at the apex and the latter always bare; radio-median cross-vein placed after or at the middle of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short but pointed angle which is shorter than M cell; costal bristle weak to well developed.

TYPE : *Musca serratulae* LINNAEUS (1758).

This genus is now taken by Bezzi and Hendel in the sense of

*Trypeta* Loew and other authors with the addition of *Sitarea*, which, according to Robineau-Desvoidy contained the species with banded wings. It is one of the largest of the family and contains over 45 species from the Palaearctic Region and is also represented in the Ethiopian and Indo-Australian Regions.

The life-history of some species are known. The larva of *T. virens* Lw. in Europe feeds on the essential organs of the flowers of *Centaurea paniculata*, while in Egypt *T. jaceae*, Rob.-Desv. lives in the larval stage in the flowers of *Centaurea aegyptiaca*, and *T. planiscutellata*, Beck., in the inflorescence of *Pluchea dioscoridis*. Frauenfeld has bred *T. serratulae* L. in Europe from the inflorescence of *Carduus defloratus* and *C. acanthoides*.

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1	(6) <i>dc.</i> normal; 2: wings without bands or markings.	
2	(5) scutellum yellow; wings hyaline; 2 <i>s.or.</i> black.	
3	(4) Abdomen yellow with black spots; ovipositor short	1 <i>T. serratulae</i> , L.
4	(3) Abdomen entirely yellow; ovipositor long and corneous	2 <i>T. virens</i> , Lw.
5	(2) Scutellum grey, only at the tip yellowish; wings milky white; upper <i>s.or.</i> short, white	3 <i>T. planiscutellata</i> , Beck.
6	(1) <i>dc.</i> 4; wings with transverse yellow bands	4 <i>T. jaceae</i> , Rob.-Desv.

### TERELLIA SERRATULAE, LINNEAUS (Pl. III fig. 3 and Pl. I fig. 17)

L., Syst. Nat., X.1.600.90 (*Musca*) (1758), Faun. Suec., II. 461.1871 (*Trypeta*) (1761) et Syst. Nat., XII. 997.118 (*Musca*) (1766); FABR., Spec. ins., II.453.96. (*Musca*) (1781), Entom. syst., IV.356.182. (*Musca*) (1794) et Syst. Antl., 278.27. (*Dacus*) (1805);

FALL., Dipt. Suec. Ortalid., 14.22. (*Tephritis*) (1820); WALK., Entom. Mag., III.62.f.1 (1836) et Inst. Brit., II.201.7. (*Trypeta*) (1853); LW., Gerni. Zeitschr., V.419.t.II.f.70. (*Trypeta*) (1844), Linn. entom., I.522.75. (*Trypeta*) (1846) et Trypetid., 62.15.t.X. f.1. (*Trypeta*) (1862); ZETT., Dipt. Scand., VI.2256.52. (*Tephritis*) (1847); FRIED., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XIII.216. (*Trypeta*) (1863); SCHIN., Faun. Austr., II.134. (*Trypeta*) (1864); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Tephrit. 44.18 (1870); WALK., The Entom., No. 92.345.88. (*Trypeta*) (1871); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 265.10. et 379.54. (*Trypeta*) (1872); BEZ., Dipt. Syr. et Aegypt., 63.141. (1909).

*luteola* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 759.2. (*Tephritis*) (1830); ? WIED., Aussereurop. Zweifl. Ins., II.491.22. (*Trypeta*) (1830).

*pallens* WIED., Analect. entom., 54.120. (*Trypeta*) (1824) et Aussereurop. Zweifl. Ins., II.502.40. (*Trypeta*) (1830); MEIG., Syst. Beschreib., V.347.t.L.f.5. (*Trypeta*) (1826).

*palpata* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 759.1. (1830).

**DIAGNOSIS**.— A small yellowish-brown species, easily distinguished by its entirely hyaline wings, its yellow abdomen which possesses irregular black spots on the upper margins of the segments and by the short female ovipositor.

*Male and Female*. Length of body : 4.8 mm.; ovipositor (after Loew) : 0.8 mm.; wing : 4 mm.

**DESCRIPTION**.— Frons yellowish-brown but becoming gradually paler below and on the sides where it is pale yellow, almost whitish; this pale colour extends on the two basal segments of the antennae, face, cheeks and lower half of the occiput; epistoma faintly edged with yellow at the base, but darker towards the tip where it is brownish; it possesses a few pale erect hairs; palpi pale yellow but reddish-yellow at the tip; occiput dark yellowish-brown on its upper half, which colour extends on the vertex; vertical triangle black; antennae with the third joint less than twice the length of the second, gradually tapering to the tip but not pointed and entirely reddish-yellow; arista delicately pubescent, blackish except on its basal third pale yellow. The pubescence on the sides of the frons is delicate, inconspicuous and whitish, but much longer and bristly on the occiput and blackish on the jaws; 2 strong *s.or.*; *p.rt.* parallel; all the bristles are black except the *rt.* brown and the *p.rt.* and *ocp.* yellowish.

Thorax elongated, quadrate, black on the disc except on the lower and lateral margins and almost all the pleurae where it is from pale to dark yellow, the humeri are pale yellow, which colour extends longitudinally in an even line along the upper margins of

the pleurae to the wing base; the pteropleurae are yellowish brown as well as the mesopleurae but this latter possesses a large elongated pale yellow spot in the centre; the sternopleurae are pale yellow on the upper third and blackish below and the mesophragma is also blackish; scutellum entirely yellow but darker at the base owing to its being rather transparent; *dc.2*; *mpl.2* strong; all the bristles are blackish; the thorax is entirely covered with a delicate whitish grey dust. The pubescence on the disc is rather dense, short and pale.

Abdomen yellow to brownish-yellow with black rounded markings, three in the apical half of the first and three in the basal halves of each of the second, third and fourth segments; the markings in the fourth segment however are longer, triangular and this segment is rather pointed at the tip; the pubescence is very similar to that of the thorax and with some short lateral and apical bristles; male hypopygium yellow, fairly large, globular and possessing some erect black hairs; female ovipositor according to Loew and Schiner is short, being shorter than the three last abdominal segments together.

Legs entirely yellow with the front femora possessing a well developed row of bristles beneath and the middle tibiae bearing a single spur; pubescence uniformly blackish all over.

Wings entirely hyaline and somewhat greyish with the veins dark brown and much paler towards the base; stigma brownish-yellow; costal bristle double but weak; radio-median cross-vein perpendicular, placed well after the middle of 1st M2 cell and immediately after the tip of R1.

Squamulae whitish; halteres pale yellow.

I have not yet seen a specimen of this species from Egypt and I believe it has never been recorded again from here since its first record by Wiedemann in 1830 (his *Trypeta luteola* being almost certainly a synonym of this species). The above description is made from one male from Italy kindly sent me by Professor Bezzi and two other males from Austria given me by Dr. Czerny of Vienna.

TERELLIA VIRENS LOEW.  
(Pl. III fig. 7 and Pl. J fig. 19)

Lw., *Lin. entom.* 1.523. (*Trypeta*) (1846) et *Trypetid.*, 63.17. (*Trypeta*) (1862); FRFLD., *Sitzungsber. d. K. Akad. d. Wiss.*, XXII 554. (*Trypeta*) (1856); SCHIN., *Faun. Austr.*, II.134. (*Trypeta*) (1864); ROND., *Dipterol. Ital. Prodr.*, VII. Tephrit. 45.29 (1870); KALTENB., *Pflanzenf.*, 387.58. (*Trypeta*) (1872).

*DIAGNOSIS*:— A comparatively large yellow species (yellow-

ish-green when alive) which possesses a black and yellow thorax, a yellow abdomen, hyaline wings and a long corneous female ovipositor.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 6.3 mm.; ovipositor : 1.9–2.2 mm.; wing : 4.8 mm.

*DESCRIPTION:*—Head very broad, entirely yellow, except the face (which is slightly concave) much paler owing to a whitish pulverulence, and the vertical triangle black; antennae pale yellow and possessing a very delicate and minute, pale pubescence, with the third joint fairly broad and rounded at the tip; arista microscopically pubescent, blackish except on its basal third yellow; the first and second antennal joints possess some short black bristles; the pubescence is short and brownish on the sides of the frons, longer and decidedly bristly on the cheeks and jaws and on the occiput yellowish; in addition the vertical triangle possesses a few blackish erect hairs; palpi with black bristles on the apical half; *s.or.* 2, strong; *prt.* parallel: all the bristles are black except the *prt.* and the *ocp.* yellowish.

Thorax blackish on most of the disc but yellow on the margins and pleurae; the black markings on the disc are very characteristic; on the upper margin the black starts as a broad but short median stripe, which widens laterally till just before the humeri, and extends down to the suture, where it continues downwards in a stripe covering the median third of the disc and finishing at about two thirds the lengths of the disc; on each side of this stripe there are two elongated black stripes, gradually tapering at both ends, their upper ends running into the black of the disc at the suture, and their lower margins ending at a small distance from the apex of the disc; these two lateral stripes are separated inwardly in their upper halves from the median black stripe by a thin yellow line; in addition there are two small black rounded spots in a straight line with the tip of the two black lateral stripes, from which arise the *prsc.*; in other words the disc is black except the lateral margins above the suture yellow and below the suture broadly yellow, as well as the lower margin and the basal median third yellow; the whole of the disc and pleurae are covered with a very fine whitish dust; the pubescence on the disc is fairly dense and pale yellowish; scutellum entirely yellow and possessing four bristles; mesophragma shining black; 1 strong *mpl.*; the pleurae are yellow except for an elongated, emarginate oblique spot continuing down from the mesophragma, a small rounded spot on the lower margin below the posterior stigma and between the middle and hind coxae shining black, in addition there is a large black and shining spot behind the wing base and immediately below the 2 *p.sa.*

Abdomen fairly broad, entirely yellow to brownish-yellow and possessing an erect blackish pubescence except on the upper half and lateral sides of the basal segment; on the lateral margins of the three last segments and at the apex there are some fairly long black bristles: male hypopygium small, oval, reddish to brownish-yellow and bearing some brown bristly hairs; female ovipositor yellow, elongated, being almost as long as the abdomen, corneous and flattened; its pubescence is similar to that of the abdomen, except on the apical third where it is scarcer and less conspicuous.

Legs entirely yellow with the front femora bearing each one row of strong bristles and two rows of shorter bristles on the outside; the hind femora possess, each, three bristles near the apex, above; the pubescence is uniformly blackish all over.

Wings entirely hyaline with the stigma and all the veins yellow; costal bristle double but weak; radio-median cross-vein rather oblique and placed after the middle of 1st M2 cell.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

The above description does not seem to correspond with that of Loew and Schiner as regards the colour of the abdomen; they both describe it as "yellow with four rows of rather small black spots and which, occasionally in the male are distinct only on the last segment, in addition to which there is a small black and distinct spot in each posterior corner of the same segment." In a series of more than twenty specimens from Egypt I cannot find any trace of these abdominal spots, consequently I am led to believe that the entirely uniform colour of the abdomen is due to a local variation.

*T. rivens* is of a beautiful yellow-green colour and with metallic bluish-green eyes when alive, which colour disappears after death and the specimens remain of a dull greyish-yellow colour with a very faint greenish tinge.

This species has been bred in Europe from the inflorescence of *Centaurea paniculata* by Frauenfeld. In Egypt it is not common — I have found it so far only in Marg, Wadi Hoff and in our garden at Shoubra and my dates extend from March 12th to June 7th 1922. *T. rivens* has been recorded in Italy, Spain, Germany and Egypt.

#### TERELLIA PLANISCUTELLATA BECKER.

(Pl. II fig. 4)

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II. 136. 220. (*Trypeta*) (1903)

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small entirely grey species with somewhat opaque wings and with the upper *s.or.* small and white.



*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3.2—3.5 mm.; ovipositor : 0.5 mm.; wing : 2.8 mm.

*DESCRIPTION.*— Head yellow and entirely covered with a pale grey tomentum which is somewhat whitish and denser on the face; epistoma but little prominent; proboscis and palpi very short, pale yellow and possessing some small blackish bristly hairs; eyes large, rounded; antennae yellow with the third joint twice as long as broad, a little concave above and pointed at the tip; arista blackish but yellow at the base; the pubescence is very inconspicuous, scarce and yellowish; all the bristles are shining yellowish-brown except the upper *s.or.*, the parallel *prt.*; the outer *rt.* and the *ocp.* white.

Thorax and scutellum entirely covered with a dense cinereous tomentum, but the blackish ground colour of the disc shows in certain lights; scutellum very flat and yellow at the tip by transparency; mesophragma blackish but also covered with a dense grey dust; all the bristles are shining yellowish-brown, appearing somewhat pale and transparent in certain lights except the *p. npl.* and the *st.* white; the *mpl.* and the *st.* are accompanied by some white bristly hairs; all the bristles on the disc and scutellum are inserted on small blackish dots; the pubescence on the disc is short but rather dense, adpressed and very pale yellowish.

Abdomen short and broad, entirely yellowish except for a blackish, often inconspicuous median longitudinal line; sometimes this dark colour extends laterally, especially on the basal segment and on the fourth and fifth segments; all the segments are entirely covered with a cinereous dust; the pubescence is rather dense, very pale yellowish and is longer and bristly on the lower margins of the segments, especially at the apex; ovipositor very short, being a little longer than the fifth segment, flat, conical and reddish-yellow; the extreme tip of its basal segment is usually blackish.

Legs entirely yellow with a minute blackish pubescence.

Wings of a characteristic milky white colour and somewhat opaque, with the stigma and all the veins yellow; median and radio-median cross-veins very approximate, the distance between them being not more than the length of the latter; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short, broad point, shorter than the M. cell; costal bristle weak.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

This species was originally found by Becker in the desert near Siala (Fayoum) on the Composite plant *Pluchea (Conyza) dioscoridis* in March (together with the curious *Schistopterum moebiusi* Beck.).

*T. planiscutellata* is common wherever its widely distributed host plant grows and I have bred it from the inflorescence of the

above mentioned plant from flower heads collected in Ghezireh, Maadi, Barrage and Alexandria. It seems to live in company with *S. moebinsi* Beck. (in the larval stage) as in all the above mentioned cases both species were bred together. My dates extend from February to November 1923 but in all probability they could be found and bred the whole year round.

TERELLIA JACEAE ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.  
(Pl. III fig. 6).

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 766.1. (*Tephritis*) (1830); DUF., Ann. Soc. entom. Fr., 48. (*Trypeta*) (1857); LW., Trypetid., 52.1.t.VII.f.1. (*Trypeta*) (1862); FELD., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XIII. 215. (*Trypeta*) (1863); SCHIN., Faun. Austr., II.126. (*Trypeta*) (1864); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII Tephrit 38.6. (1870); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 387.59. (*Trypeta*) (1872).

*arctii* MEIG., System. Besch., V.317.10.t.XLVIII. f.28. (*Trypeta*) (1826); MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II.467.25. (*Tephritis*) (1835); BECK., Zeitschr.f. Hymenopt. u. Dipt., II.236.10. (*Trypeta*) (1902).

*dorsalis* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 766.2. (*Tephritis*) (1830).

*punctata* LW., Germ. Zeitschr., V.325.t.I.f.9. (*Trypeta*) (1844);

ZETT., Dipt. Scand., VI.2186.12. (*Tephritis*) (1847).

*pusilla* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 766.3. (*Tephritis*) (1830).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A handsome yellow species with banded wings and immediately distinguished by the 4 *dc.* and by the inferior angle of Cu cell which is drawn out into a very long and pointed angle.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3.8—4.5 mm., ovipositor : 1.3 mm.; wing : 3.4—4.2 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely reddish-yellow except the face and antennae pale yellow and the ocellar triangle blackish; cheeks fairly broad: there are some minute black hairs on the lateral margins of the frons and some much longer ones on the cheeks; the occiput, which is convex, also possesses some pale yellow hairs; antennae rather elongated with the third joint rounded at the tip; arista blackish but reddish-yellow at the base; all the bristles are black except the *prt.* and the genal bristle pale yellowish.

Thorax reddish-yellow with eight shining black rounded spots on the disc, from which arise the *prst.*, the *a. npl.* and the four cha-

racteristic *dc.*; in addition there is a small black spot immediately above the wing base; pleurae entirely pale yellow; all the bristles are black and the *mpt.* is accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; the pubescence on the disc is pale yellow and consists of rather thick but short hairs; scutellum yellow with three characteristic black spots, one on each side of the base and one at the apex.

Abdomen reddish to brownish-yellow with four transverse rows of black rounded spots, each row consisting of five spots and situated at the upper margin of each abdominal segment; two of these rows are situated one on each side of the lateral margins and the two others one on each side of the central line; ovipositor reddish-yellow, flattened and about as long as the three apical segments together.

Legs entirely yellow; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur; hind tibiae with a row of much weaker bristles on the outer side.

Wings hyaline with four transverse yellow bands, which are united at the upper margin and appearing somewhat as deep indentations; the first band covers the base of the wing and extends downwards covering the M cell, (except for one hyaline spot always present in this cell) Cu cell and Cu2+A2 but not quite reaching the lower margin, and leaving the allula hyaline; the second band is situated below R1, covering the radio-median cross-vein and reaching to the lower margin; the third band is parallel with the second, covering the median cross-vein and also reaching to the lower margin; the fourth band is usually much darker in colour, oblique and covers the apices of R4+5 and M1; the margins of these bands or indentations are bordered with brown; the union of these yellow bands on the upper margin entirely covers the costal cells, the *sc.* cell, the stigma, R1 cell and almost all R3 cell; the basal half of the stigma however is lighter than the apical half and there are usually two small, pale hyaline spots in R1, touching the costa, the first of which is situated immediately after the stigma and the second above the median cross-vein; costal bristle double; R2+3 and R4+5 undulated and not parallel; radio-median cross-vein placed at the middle of 1st M2 cell; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn into a long and pointed angle but shorter than M. cell.

*T. jaceae* is quite common in Egypt especially in localities where its food plant, *Centaurea pallescens* grows.

Frauenfeld in 1862 had bred one specimen in Europe from the head of *Centaurea scabiosa*. I have captured this species commonly in the Mariout district, Cairo and its neighbourhoods, Alexandria and in the Wadi Hoff. I have also seen specimens from Mazhouna

and Sakkara and in all probability the bionomics of this fly in Egypt is not confined to the above species of *Centaurea* only. My records date from April to June 1922.

*T. jaceae* is also known from Europe; Spain and Persia.

I have recently bred this species, together with *Trypanea amoena* Frfld. from the capitulum of *Centaurea calcitrapa* from the Barrage (10.VI.1924).

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## 12. SPHENELLA, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 773 (1830).

Distinguished by the fairly long and geniculate proboscis, the prominent epistoma, the 4 scutellar bristles, and the banded wings with very approximate cross-veins.

Head broader than high; frons prominent, fairly long, broad and depressed; face short and concave; eyes small, fairly rounded; cheeks not broad; epistoma prominent; proboscis long, geniculate; palpi small with a few scarce bristles; antennae inserted below the middle of the eyes, with the tip of the third joint reaching the epistoma, less than twice the length of the second joint and a little pointed at the upper corner; arista microscopically pubescent; *oc.* strong, *s.or.* 2, the upper white and short, the lower black, *i.or.* 2; *rt.* one black and long, the other white, short and very straight; *prt.* divergent; *ocp.* strong, whitish; genal bristle not strong.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy, but the *scp.* very weak, almost obsolete; only one strong black *mpl.*; scutellum flat with 4 bristles of almost equal size, the apical pair diverging at the apex. Abdomen with apical and lateral bristles; ovipositor short and flattened.

Legs short and strong; front femora with rows of bristles above and beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur; hind tibiae with some short hairs in addition to the usual fine pubescence.

Wings narrow, elongated, with a very characteristic pattern which consists of a complete cross-band after the middle, as well as spots; costal bristle small; R1 short, ending well before the radio-median cross-vein; R2+3, R4+5 and M1 parallel; R4+5 bare; radio-median and median cross-vein very approximate, the distance between them being less than the length of the former; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short and broad point, as long as the median cell.

Only one species is known so far in the Palearctic Region which seems to have a very wide distribution in Europe, Asia Minor and North Africa. The larva is known to breed in Europe in almost all the species of plants of the genus *Senecio*, as well as in *Centaurea*, and *Cineraria* sp.

TYPE: *Sphenella marginata* FALLEN (1820).

SPHENELLA MARGINATA. FALLEN.  
(Pl. IV fig. 3 and Pl. I figs 8 and 12)

FALL., Dipt. Succ. Ortalid., 7.8. (*Tephritis*) (1820); MEIG., Syst. Besch., V. 323. t. XLIX. f. 15 (*Trypeta*) (1826); WALK., Entom. Mag., III. 73. f. 18 (1836); MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II. 465. 18 (*Tephritis*) (1835); LW. Germ. Zeitschr., V. 344. t. I. f. 17 (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Linn. entom., I. 499. 20. (1846); ZETT., Dipt. Scand., VI. 2190. 15 (*Tephritis*) (1847); SCHOLTZ., Zeitschr. f. Entom. Breslau, 13. (1848); WALK., Ins. Britann., II. 202. 10. (*Trypeta*) (1853); FRFLD., Sitzungsber. d. K. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 539. (1859); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 667. 59 (1858); LW.; Trypetid., 76. 1. t. XIII. f. 5. (1862); SCHIN., Faun. Austr. II. 152 (*Tephritis*) (1864); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 364. 31 et 387. 56 (*Trypeta*) (1872); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., 5. 391. 425 (1907) et Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, IV. 139. 403. (1908); HEND., Wien. Entom. Zeitg., XXXIII. III. u. IV. 94 (1914).

*arcuata* SCHRANK, Fauna Boica, III. 142. 2508 (*Trupanea*) (1803); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. 47. I. (*Tephritis*) (1870).

*linariae* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 774. 1. (1830)

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small, brownish-grey species, easily distinguished by the characteristic pattern of the wings, which consists of a complete cross-band after the middle, as well as spots and by the very approximate cross-veins.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 1.5 mm.; ovipositor : 0.7 mm.; wing : 4 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Frons yellow, but whitish near the eye margins and continuing so to the cheeks; face yellow in the centre but whitish on the sides; face, frons and cheeks with some small whitish hairs; epistoma shining yellow; proboscis and palpi yellow; occiput pale yellow, but blackish towards the centre and bearing some whitish bristly hairs, especially below and on the sides; vertex greyish-yellow with the vertical triangle blackish; antennae pale reddish-yellow and entirely covered with a very minute white pubescence, arista black for a little more than its apical half, reddish-yellow below; all the bristles are black except the posterior *s.or.*, the smaller *rt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristle whitish.

Thorax black and entirely covered with a fine, dense pulverulence which is tawny on the disc and grey on the pleurae; in addition it bears a pale yellow pubescence composed of short, thick and rather blunt hairs, which is fairly dense and even on the disc, but scarcer, unevenly scattered and much longer on the pleurae; in fact

the seven or eight hairs on the pteropleurae are decidedly bristly; scutellum tawny-yellow and bearing a very fine pulverulence of the same colour; *a.sc.* convergent and crossed at the apex; all the bristles are black except the  $\rho\lambda$ , pale yellow.

Abdomen entirely black and covered with a very fine and thin grey pulverulence which is tawny on the extreme apical margins of the first four segments and on the apical third of the fifth segment; the pubescence is very similar to that of the thorax, but with a few longer hairs on the lower and lateral margins and, in addition, with a few small black bristles on the lower margin of the fifth segment; the short and flat ovipositor is shining black, the pubescence on its basal half being similar to that of the thorax and abdomen, but on its apical half much finer and blackish.

Legs entirely rusty-yellow with the usual black pubescence; the front femora possess three rows of small bristles on the outer margin and below, two of which are usually black and the third row pale-yellowish; in addition, on the hind femora, there is one very short black bristle on the outer margin near the apex.

Wings hyaline, but yellowish at the base, with one complete transverse dark brown band and three or four spots on the upper half; the cross-band is situated immediately after the middle and extends from the costa to the base, covering the radio-median and median cross-veins, to the lower margin; sometimes there are some paler rounded spots in this dark band, especially in its upper half; the dark brown spots are: one on the stigma, variable and usually extending from the costa over the 2nd costal cell to the base of R2+3 and R4+5; this spot is the palest, least conspicuous and is much darker below than above; one covering the whole of the stigma and extending downwards almost touching R2+3, usually this spot is interrupted in the centre by a paler spot and its outer corner is very often connected with the top of the cross band; finally one large spot on the apex of the wing, covering the apices of R2+3, R4+5 and M1; this spot is extremely variable in shape, usually its lower margin is very emarginate, especially in the centre and with a small rounded hyaline spot below the extreme tip of R2+3; sometimes it is completely interrupted in the centre (i.e. the deep hyaline emargination of the lower margin meeting the round hyaline spot below the apex of R2+3) and thus giving the appearance of two distinct spots; in addition there are three small, indistinct, pale brownish spots, two on the lower side of and touching M3+Cu1 and one immediately below Cu2+2nd A; all the veins are yellow, but blackish in correspondence with the dark spots and band; costal bristle small but distinct.

Squamulae and halteres yellow.

*S. marginata*, although not common, seems to be widely distributed in Egypt. I have captured it in Cairo and neighbourhoods (Marg, Kerdacé, Maadi, Abou-Zaabal) and in the Mariout district: my dates extend from February 10th to March 15th. The food plant in Egypt is not known but I suspect it to breed in the capitulum of *Senecio* sp. and in *Centaurea alexandrina* Del. This species has a very wide geographical distribution: it is recorded from Spain, Dalmatia, Asia Minor, Madeira Island, Canary Islands and North Africa.

*NOTE.* — I have bred recently *S. marginata* from the capitulum of *Senecio coronopifolius* and *Picris sprengeriana* from Kerdacé. The inflorescence was brought in the laboratory on 21.IV.1924 and three specimens 2 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ emerged 3.V.1924 and 3 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ 8.V.1924.

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## 13. ENSINA, ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY.

ROB.-DESV., Myod., 751 (1830).

Allied to *Tephritis*, but distinguished from it and from other genera by the very characteristic shape of the head and by the narrow elongate wings which usually possess a reticulate pattern.

Head very depressed, i.e. broader than high and as deep as broad; frons narrow, longer than broad; face short and concave; eyes fairly rounded; cheeks very narrow; epistoma prominent; proboscis long, geniculate; palpi elongate, narrow with a few bristles at the end; occiput usually swollen below; antennae inserted below the middle of the eyes, reaching the epistoma, the third joint twice the length of the second and a little pointed at the upper corner, arista at most microscopically pubescent: *s.or.* 1 or 2, *i.or.* 2 or 3; *ac.* strong; *prt.* parallel; genal bristle weak; *ocp.* well developed.

Thorax with pale pubescence and a complete chaetotaxy; only 1 strong *mpl.*; scutellar bristles 2 or 4.

Abdomen slender with paler pubescence and possessing lateral and terminal bristles; male hypopygium small and rounded; female ovipositor fairly short, flattened.

Wings narrow and elongate with a small costal bristle; R1 not reaching the radio-median cross-veins; all the veins are straight but no two are parallel; inferior angle of Cu cell very short but pointed; wing pattern reticulate, the reticulation being sometimes little developed.

TYPE : *Musca sonchi* LINNAEUS (1766)

Hendel has pointed out the necessity for the extension of the present genus to embrace other species besides the typical *sonchi*. Owing to the fact that the prolongation of the proboscis is very variable in the different species, Bezzi has suggested that the genus should be restricted to those species in which the form of the head has the very characteristic shape which may be seen in *sonchi* and *sororcula*; however he further provisionally admits in the genus some African species in which the head is less or not at all depressed and which possess a very long proboscis.

The members of this genus usually pass their larval stage, in the floral buds of *Compositae*. Frauenfeld has bred the

European *E. souchi* L. from the flower-heads of the following *Compositae*: *Sonchus oleraceus*, *S. arvensis*, *Leontodon autumnale*, *L. hastile*, *Taraxacum pratensis*, *Homoajone alpina*, *Scorzonera (Podospermum) jacquinii*, *Carduus nutans* and *Crepis spp.* Only one species is so far known from Egypt, *E. sororcula*, Wied., which has a very wide geographical distribution, being known in India, Teneriffe, Madeira Island and North Africa up to Erythrea.

ENSINA SORORCULA. WIEDEMANN.

(Pl. IV fig. 6 and Pl. J fig. 13)

WIED., Aussereurop. Zweifl. Ins., II. 509.52 (*Trypeta*), (ZERNY, Wien. Entom. Zeitg., XXI. 256 (*Oryna*) et XXV. 254 f. 1-2 (*id.*) (1906); BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, IV. 144. 420 (*Oryna*) (1908); BEZ., Mem. Indian Mus., III. 3. 159 (*Oryna*) (1913).

*vacillans*, WOLLAST., Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., (3) I. 115. (1858).

*rariipennis* v.d. WULP., Termesz. Fuzet., XX. 143.28. pl. III. f. 3-4 (*Leptomysa*) (1897).

*bisetosa* (male) ENDERLEIN. (1911).

**DIAGNOSIS**.— A small, almost entirely grey species, distinguished by its rather slim and elongate body and wings and by its reticulate wing pattern which can vary from being dark to very light.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3 mm.; ovipositor : 0.8 mm.; wing : 2.6 mm.

**DESCRIPTION**.— Head entirely yellow but whitish towards the centre of the frons (immediately below the ocellar triangle), on the eye margins and on the face, epistoma, cheeks and occiput owing to a very fine white pulverulence; occiput swollen below; vertex yellow, but black on the ocellar triangle; antennae yellow with a very minute pale pubescence; arista dark brown and microscopically pubescent; *s.or.* 2. *i.or.* 2: all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the shorter *rt.*, the *prt.* and the genal bristle whitish.

Thorax and scutellum blackish but entirely covered with a dense brownish or yellowish-grey pulverulence and with the three darker longitudinal lines on the disc very inconspicuous; on the pleurae the pulverulence is much lighter in colour, almost whitish, especially below; the pubescence on the disc is very pale yellowish, fairly coarse and adpressed; all the bristles are black except the *sep.* light greyish-yellow and the *pt.* pale yellow; scutellum small with only two *b.sc.* and very rarely two very small but distinct *a.sc.* are present.

Abdomen elongated, convex, somewhat narrowed at the base, blackish and entirely covered with a dense brownish-grey pulverulence like the thorax, except on three or four pairs of more or less distinct darker spots, two on each of the first, second, third and sometimes the fourth segments respectively; the pubescence is pale yellowish, less adpressed than on the thorax and longer on the lower margins of the segments; in addition there are a few rather short black bristles on the apices of the third and fourth segments; male hypopygium small, blackish; female ovipositor very shining black, and as long as the third, fourth and fifth segments together; it is fairly broad and flattened on its basal two thirds but narrow and cylindrical on its apical third and possesses a very delicate, short and blackish pubescence.

Legs dark yellow except the femora which are blackish on their basal two thirds and sometimes the front or middle femora only are blackish on their basal two thirds below, with the middle and hind or the front and hind femora black except the apical third yellow; the row of bristles on the lower side of the front femora is blackish and weak and usually there are from one to four short bristles on the upper side of the hind femora near the tip; the pubescence on the legs is blackish and short.

Wings elongated and narrow, hyaline with a brownish diffuse reticulation which varies in distinctness; the most conspicuous spots are on the upper wing margin, composed of one blackish spot covering the stigma, one smaller and paler just after the middle, one much larger, elongated, which covers the apex of R2+3 and usually going below R4+5 and one quadrate or triangular spot at the tip of the wing, covering the apex of R4+5; the rest of the spots in the centre and lower half of the wing are very diffuse and faint; all the veins are yellow but blackish or dark brown in correspondance with the brownish spots; costal bristle weak but distinct.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

*E. sororecula* is very common throughtout Egypt and may be found almost the whole year round; my dates extend from April to November. I have captured it in Cairo and environs, Helwan, Fayum, Alexandria and in the Mariout district. The food plant in Egypt is unknown. This species has a wide geographical distribution being known from the Canary Islands (Teneriffe), Madeira Island and Erythrea.

## 14. SPATHULINA, RONDANI.

ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., 1.113. (1856).

Distinguished by the black wings which possess a few hyaline spots, the short geniculate proboscis, the strong *oc.* and *ocp.* and the absence of the *a. sc.*

Head broader than high; eyes rounded; frons much broader and longer than the face; epistoma but little prominent; proboscis short but geniculate, palpi small; cheeks broad; antennae placed at or immediately below the middle of the eyes, short, with the third joint about twice the length of the second, not pointed and the second joint with a little prominence above; arista delicately pubescent; cephalic chaetotaxy strong, complete; *oc.* very strong; *s.or.* 2, weaker than the 2 *i.or.*; *prt.* diverging; inner *rt.* very long and strong; *ocp.* well developed; genal bristle not strong; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the *prt.*, the outer *rt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristle yellowish.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy and the dorsal bristles inserted on minute black dots; scutellum with only one pair of *b.sc.*

Abdomen black, devoid of pollen and with bristles; female ovipositor not long, flattened and conical.

Legs fairly strong; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings narrow and rather elongated with a strong or even double costal bristle, black with some hyaline spots; R1 short, ending before the radio-mediau cross-vein; R2 + 3, R4 + 5 and M1 almost straight and parallel, R4 + 5 bare; cross-veins not parallel; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short and broad point, as long as the M cell.

TYPE : *Tephritis tristis* LOEW (1869).

This old genus has been adopted in recent years by Bezzi for several species which fall under a natural group, characterised by the black abdomen, the black wings which possess only a few hyaline spots and the absence of the apical scutellar bristles. Bezzi had previously called this group *Melanorhyna*, but Rondani's name *Spathulina* (with the type species *S. sicula*, which is merely a synonym of *T. tristis* Lw.) was found quite applicable to it.

The species of this genus are not numerous; only two so far are known from the Palaearctic Region, the type *S. tristis* Lw. (= *sicula* Rond.) and our Egyptian *S. parceguttata* Beck.; the remainder are from the Ethiopian and Oriental Regions.

SPATHULINA PARCEGUTTATA BECKER.

(Pl. IV fig. 5)

BECK., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II 134, T. 4d, f. 48 (*Oxyga*) (1903); BEZ., Bull. Entom. Research, IX. I. 29 (1918).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small pretty species, distinguished by the wings which are black with their basal fourth hyaline and with some hyaline spots on the black area; the absence of the *a. sc.*; the black abdomen, and flat, shining black ovipositor.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body 3—3.4 mm.; ovipositor : 0.8 mm.; wing : 2.7—3 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely reddish-yellow with a very delicate white tomentum on the lateral margins of the frons, which extends downwards covering the face and cheeks; antennae reddish-yellow, with the second joint bearing some minute blackish bristly hairs; arista dark brown except at the base which is reddish-yellow.

Thorax and scutellum black, with a dense pulverulence, which is yellowish on the disc and cinereous on the pleurae and mesophragma; the bristles are black except the *scp.*, the posterior *npl.* and the *pt.* which are yellow; in addition these two latter are accompanied by some yellowish bristly hairs; the pubescence is yellow; scattered and adpressed but somewhat longer and erect on the anterior margin of the disc and paler on the pleurae, especially on the sternopleurae.

Abdomen entirely shining black with a faint greenish iridescence and with pubescence and bristles of the same colour. Female ovipositor flat, conical and shining black, of medium length, its basal segment being about equal to the length of the three apical segments of the abdomen together.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow. Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

Wings rather narrow and elongate, blackish-brown except the base which is hyaline to the middle of 2nd C cell, the bifurcation of R2+3 and R4+5 and two thirds of Cu cell; the blackish-brown area possesses some hyaline spots as follows : one immediately before the stigma, more or less large and rounded, running into a second smaller spot in the base of R1 cell; in this cell there are three other

spots touching the upper wing margin, the first is immediately after the stigma and touches the apex of the latter, the second is the largest and almost square in shape, runs into a much smaller spot in R3 cell, and the third is the smallest and situated in the apical third of R1 cell; these three spots are almost equidistant from each other; at the tip of R3 there is a second rounded spot; in the apical half of R cell there is a rounded spot which runs into a larger spot in 1st M2 cell; in R5 cell there are two spots, the first is the smallest, touches M1 and is situated above the median cross-vein; the second is at the extreme tip of the cell; the upper and outer margins of this spot touch R4-5 and the wing margin respectively but its lower margin does not quite touch M1; in the apical fourth of 1st M2 cell there is a second smaller spot; in 2nd M2 cell there are two elongated spots touching the lower margin of the wing but only the upper margin of the second spot touches M1; finally there are four spots in Cu1 cell, the two first of these are situated one above the other, the lower covering the tip of Cu2+2nd A, the third is the largest, touches the lower margin and the fourth very small, below the median cross-vein; all the veins are yellow at the base and on the hyaline spots, except the humeral cross-vein blackish; stigma entirely black.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow. Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

Only four specimens of this interesting species are known so far. Of these two males and one female were captured by Dr. Th. Becker in Cairo, in November 1898 and March 1899. The remaining specimen is a male which was bred from flower-heads of *Ceruana pratensis* Forsk. collected on the West bank of the Rosetta branch of the Nile, North of the Delta Barrage (about 16 miles North of Cairo) by Mr. N. D. Simpson, on July 4th 1924.

NOTE: While this paper was in the press Professor Bezzi informed me that his *Spathulina parca* which is so widely spread in the Oriental Region, Australia and South Africa is only a variety of *parciguttata* Beek. In addition *Spath. acrosticta* Bezzi seems to be also a synonym of the same species.

It may also be useful to record that these three above mentioned names (*parciguttata* Beek., *parca* Bezzi and *acrosticta* Bezzi) will very probably eventually fall as synonyms of a species described by Schiner from Australia. Prof. Bezzi is working on this problem and will deal fully with it in an important work on the Diptera of the Fiji Islands which he is on the point of completing. In any case even if the synonymy of these three names is proved to be true they will always remain good to indicate varieties, as Schiner's species from Australia does not possess any isolated dark spots at the extremity of R4+5.

In South Africa the larva is known to live on Composites of the genus *Helichrysum*.

## 15. EUARESTA, LOEW.

Lw., Monogr. Dipt. N. Amer. III. 296 (1873).

Allied to *Tephritis* and *Trypanea* but distinguished from them and from other genera, by the black pattern on the wings which covers more than half the surface, radiating at the apex and leaving the basal third of the wing entirely hyaline.

Head somewhat broader than high; eyes rounded; cheeks narrow; epistoma slightly prominent; proboscis very short; antennae placed below the middle of the eyes, with the third joint a little longer than broad and not pointed at the tip; arista usually bare; *oc.* well developed; *s.or.* 2. the upper white and the lower black, *i.or.* 3 or 4; *prt.* white, parallel; *ct.* white; *ocp.* very well developed, white; genal bristle well developed.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy and always possessing a grey pulverulence and yellow pubescence; scutellum flat on the disc, with 2 *b.sc.*, but often the 2 *a.sc.* are also present.

Abdomen fairly broad, almost without bristles; ovipositor not long, flattened and conical.

Legs fairly short but strong; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings rounded elliptical, with more than half the entire surface black, the black pattern being on the apical two thirds of the wing, with only a few hyaline spots, and developing distinct rays at the apex; costal bristle small, double; R1 not reaching the radio-median cross-vein; R2+3, R4+5 and M1 not parallel; R4+5 bare; cross-veins parallel and perpendicular, fairly approximated; inferior angle of Cn cell ending in an extremely short and broad point, shorter than the M cell.

TYPE : *Trypeta festica* LOEW (1873).

This genus was erected by Loew for several species of *Trypeta*, in which the pattern of the wings forms distinctly developed rays at the apex, Hendel, however, and later Bezzi, have used it in a somewhat wider sense. As the characters shown in our fairly typical Egyptian species *iphionae*, mihi, agrees with Loew's interpretation of *Euresta*, I have provisionally placed it in this artificial genus. All the species of this genus pass their larval stage in the twigs of

various *Compositae*, where they form fairly large and conspicuous galls. The Sicilian *E. megacephala* Lw. is known to be galligenous on *Inula crithmoides*. *E. iphionae*, Efflat. is also well known here to form large galls in the composite plant, *Iphionia mucronata*, a species closely allied to the host plant of the European species. It is quite possible therefore that many other species will be found to belong to a natural genus which is biologically characterised by the faculty of producing galls or pleurocecidia on *Compositae*, a character quite uncommon in the group of flower-head flies.

The gall of *Iphionia mucronata* (Forskal) formed by the larva of *E. iphionae* Efflat. is an ovoid or fusiform swelling, measuring up to 8 mm. in diameter and 8 to 15 mm. in length. Those situated in the centre of the large branches are fusiform, but the ones occupying the whole of the surface of the smaller branches are ovoid and truncated above; the central cavity of the gall is large with a wall 1.5 mm. thick. The adult escapes by means of a hole which it perforates at the side.

EUARESTA IPHIONAE EFFLAT.  
(Pl. V fig. 8 and Pl. I figs 1 and 21)

EFFLAT., Bull. Soc. Roy. Entom. d'Egypte, 153. (1923).

*DIAGNOSIS*:— A beautiful bright green species when alive; greenish-grey when dry; easily distinguished by the pattern of the wings, which have their basal third hyaline, and the black colour radiating at the apex.

*Male and Female*. Length of body : 2.9–3.9 mm.; ovipositor : 0.8 mm.; wing : 2.7–3.4 mm.

*DESCRIPTION*:— Head very broad, a little broader than the thorax, entirely yellow and covered with a cinereous pulverulence; frons broad and very flat; the lunula well developed and fairly prominent; face a little shorter than the frons, concave in the middle and with a rather prominent epistoma; cheeks rather broad; occiput concave on its upper half and with a more or less distinct, double, blackish spot in the middle; ocelli blackish but the triangle is yellowish-grey; eyes rounded; antennae very short, being much shorter than the face and entirely yellowish; second joint prominent above and bearing some minute black bristles; third joint shorter than the two basal joints together, with the upper margin a little concave and the terminal angle not pointed; arista bare, yellowish and thickened at the base, but blackish for more than its apical half; proboscis thick, reddish-yellow; palpi very small much shorter than



the proboscis and with some minute, bristly hairs; *i.or.* 4, three of which being more developed than the two *s.or.* and the fourth is much weaker and situated at the base of the antennae; all the cephalic bristles are pale yellowish, except the lower *s.or.* and the three much larger *i.or.* blackish; the upper *s.or.* are bent upwards and outwards.

Thorax, scutellum and mesophragma entirely black, but clothed with a dense yellowish-grey or sometimes cinereous, tomentum; the pubescence on the disc consists of rather thick, adpressed, pale yellow hairs and along the front border, especially on the humeri, it is often longer and decidedly bristly; all the bristles on the pleurae are short and pale yellow but on the disc they are brownish at the apex and inserted on small blackish dots; the *pt.* is stronger than the *mpl.* and the *st.* even stronger; scutellum with two *b.sc.* only, which are long, parallel, or convergent, and placed rather distant from the base.

Abdomen short, broad, entirely yellowish or greyish-yellow and without any bristles except at the apex of the male usually with a row of longish bristly hairs; the pubescence is similar to that of the thorax, but somewhat less dense and longer at the apex of the first segment on the sides; male hypopygium small, rounded, dark yellowish-grey; female ovipositor almost as long as the three apical segments of the abdomen together, flat, conical and very shining black.

Legs entirely yellow and rather bare; front femora with a row of four blackish bristles beneath and a row of much weaker yellowish bristles on the side and above.

Wings with a black wing pattern, radiating at the apex and hind border, with more than the basal third entirely hyaline; the black patch extends, from the base of the stigma, leaving the base of R1 cell hyaline, covering less than the apical half of R cell, and leaving the basal third of 1st M2 cell, 2nd. A cell and the axillary lobe hyaline; the dark patch contains some hyaline spots which on the front and hind margins appear like small indentations, and at the apex like deeper indentations or rays; in addition there are three rounded hyaline spots, or drops, not touching the wing margin, one in the basal third of R5 cell almost touching M1, one in 1st M2 cell below the radio-median cross-vein, and the third, which is the largest and elliptical in 2nd M2 cell near the median cross-vein; the marginal spots or indentations are: one in R 1 cell; oblique, touching the apex of the stigma and extending down to R2+3; one smaller spot near the apex of R3 cell, touching the tip of R2+3; three at the apex, one at the tip of R3 cell with its pointed apex extending a little over R4+5, one completely covering the tip of R5 cell, and one at the apex of 2nd M2 cell, extending a little over M1; an elliptical spot, and two spots in the apical third of Cu1 cell, which are

very variable in shape and often run together; sometimes there is also a very small rounded spot in 2nd M2 cell at the apex of M3+Cu1. All the veins are yellowish in the basal third of the wing; R4+5 and M1 are parallel except at their distal portion where they diverge; the inferior angle of Cu cell forms almost a right angle and is inconspicuously produced. Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

This species is common in almost every locality where its host plant grows. I have captured it in Wadi Hoff and its branches, Wadi Garawi, Wadi Digla, Wadi Rishrash and on the Suez Road. My dates extend from February 28th to May 10th 1923.

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16. **TEPHRITIS**, LATREILLE.

LATR., Hist. Nat. d. Crust. et Ins., XIV, 389 (1804).

*Ditricha* p.p., ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortalid. 25. (1871).

Distinguished by the usually short but sometimes more or less long and geniculate proboscis, the bare R4+5, the reticulate wing pattern and the usually four scutellar bristles.

Head usually much broader than high; eyes rounded; frons broad; epistoma more or less prominent; proboscis usually short with the flaps sometimes prolonged and geniculate; antennae placed at the middle of the eyes with the third joint not more than twice the length of the second joint (usually only one and a half) and rounded at the upper corner; arista bare or microscopically pubescent; cephalic chaetotaxy complete; *oc.* strong; *s.or.* 2, the upper always whitish, the lower black; *i.or.* 2 or 3; *ocp.* strong; genal bristle more or less developed.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy; scutellum usually with four bristles.

Abdomen with lateral and terminal bristles; female ovipositor usually not longer than the three apical segments of the abdomen together, conical and flattened.

Legs fairly robust; front femora with one row of well developed bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur; hind tibiae bare.

Wings usually long and narrow but sometimes rather broad with a reticulate pattern which is usually well marked and conspicuous but in rare cases the wings may be blackish with hyaline indentations and spots or the reticulation may be very faint; costal bristle usually strong or even double; R1 never reaching the radio-median cross-vein; R4+5 bare; R2+3, R4+5 and M1 usually straight and parallel. but sometimes the two latter diverge; the cross-veins are not always parallel and perpendicular, more or less approximated; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a short and broad point as long as, shorter or rarely longer than the M cell.

TYPE : *Musca leontodontis* DE GEER (1776).

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| 3  | (2) Wings dark with hyaline indentations as well as spots .....  | 2 <i>pulcherrima</i> nov. spec. |
| 4  | (1) Scutellum with 4 bristles; wings reticulate.   |                                 |
| 5  | (6) Reticulation very faint .....  | 3 <i>lauta</i> Lw.              |
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| 12 | (13) Apex of 1st M2 cell dark with one large hyaline spot close to the median cross-vein .....             | 7 <i>spretia</i> Lw.            |
| 13 | (12) Apex of 1st M2 cell dark with two or three small spots close to the median cross vein .....           | 8 <i>matricariae</i> Lw.        |
| 14 | (11) Base of 1st M2 cell dark .....  | 9 <i>tessellata</i> Lw.         |

TEPHRITIS DESERTORUM nov. spec.  
(Pl. V fig. 3)

*DIAGNOSIS*.— A small species easily distinguished by the scutellum possessing only one pair of *b.sc.* and by the wings which have their basal third hyaline as well as the extreme apex and the remaining surface blackish with large hyaline indentations at the fore and hind borders.

*Male*. Length of body : 2.5 mm. ; wing : 2.3 mm.

*Female*, unknown.

*DESCRIPTION*.— Head entirely reddish-yellow; epistoma prominent; proboscis short but geniculate, reddish-yellow with the palpi yellow; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 3; genal bristle not strong but distinct; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the *rt.*, the *prt.* and the *ocp.* pale yellowish.

Thorax entirely covered with a dense cinereous tomentum which extends over the whole of the pleurae, mesophragma and scutellum, the latter possessing only one pair of *b.sc.*; *mpl.* 1, accompanied by some yellow bristly hairs; all the bristles are yellow; the pubescence is uniformly yellowish all over.

Abdomen dark reddish-brown and possessing a very delicate cinereous tomentum which is much less dense than on the thorax; pubescence pale yellowish; some of the lateral and all the apical bristles are black.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow with a uniformly blackish pubescence.

Wings blackish, with the basal third hyaline as well as the extreme tip and the blackish area possessing one large hyaline indentation at the fore border and three smaller hyaline indentations at the hind border; the indentation at the fore or upper border begins immediately after the stigma with its inner lateral margin touching the apex of the stigma above and the radio-median cross-vein below; its outer margin runs immediately above the median cross-vein and its lower margin is limited at M3+Cu1; the three lower hyaline indentations are : one below the upper indentation and the radio-median cross-vein in Cu1 cell, the upper margin of which is before the middle of 1st M2 cell; one is at the base of 2nd M2 cell with its upper margin touching M1, and the third hyaline indentation, which is by far the smallest, is also in 2nd M2 cell but towards the middle of this cell. In other words the wings may be described as hyaline with two large complete transverse dark bands which are united by a thinner longitudinal band in the upper half of 1st M2 cell and with one large and one small hyaline indentation in 2nd M2 cell, leaving the basal third and the extreme apex hyaline.

The inferior angle of Cu cell is drawn out into a very short point, shorter than M cell; costal bristle fairly strong.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

Of this interesting species only one specimen is known so far, captured by Mr. T. W. Kirkpatrick in the North Galala Hills, Eastern Desert.

*T. desertorum* is very closely allied to the following species and to *T. (Urellia) guimari* Beck. from the Canary Islands, but is at once distinguished from both species by the general colour of the abdomen and the pattern of the wings.

### TEPHRITIS PULCHERRIMA nov. spec.

(Pl. IV fig. 9)

**DIAGNOSIS:**— Allied to the preceding species but distinguished by the larger size and by the dark pattern of the wings which, in addition to the hyaline indentations at the fore and hind borders possess isolated hyaline spots in the dark area.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 3.5 mm.; ovipositor . 0.5 mm.; wing : 3 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely pale yellow to yellow owing to a very fine pulverulence; proboscis short but geniculate, yellow; palpi yellow to pale yellow; antennae yellow; *s.or.* 2; *i.or.* 3; genal bristle fairly well developed; all the bristles are brownish-yellow except the upper *s.or.* the outer *rt.*, the *prt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristle white.

Thorax entirely covered with a dense yellowish-grey to cinereous tomentum which extends over the whole of the pleurae, meso-phragma and scutellum, the latter possessing only one pair of *b.sc.*; all the bristles are brownish-yellow except the *p. upl.* whitish; the *mpl.* and the *pt.* are accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; the pubescence is uniformly pale, almost whitish.

Abdomen dark brown to pale reddish-yellow covered with a cinereous tomentum which is less dense than on the thorax and with a very pale pubescence; in the female the last abdominal segment is black; ovipositor very shining black, flattened and about as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together.

Legs entirely yellow with a uniform blackish pubescence.

Wings characterised by the dark pattern which covers the apical two thirds of the wing, leaving the basal third and the extreme apex hyaline: the dark patch possesses one hyaline indentation at the fore border and three at the hind border as well as some isolated hyaline spots; the indentation at the fore border is not large, situated

on the apex of the stigma and extending down as far as R4+5, touching this vein; sometimes this indentation is interrupted by a thin dark line along R2+3 and in this case the lower margin of this therefore isolated spot does not touch R4+5; the hyaline indentations at the lower margin are : one in the apical half of Cu1 cell exactly below the radio-median cross-vein, with its upper margin almost reaching M3+Cu1; the second and third indentations are in 2nd M2 cell, the former which is by far the largest of the three lower indentations is at the base and its upper margin touches M1 close to the median cross-vein; the third lower indentation is the smallest and situated towards the middle of 2nd M2 cell and may be rounded or oblong. The isolated hyaline spots are variable in number, shape and position and are as follows : one oval spot at the base of R5 cell with its lower margin touching M1 and its upper margin not quite reaching R4+5; sometimes one smaller rounded spot in R5 cell, above the median cross-vein; but this spot is usually absent; one rounded spot at the apex of R cell with its upper margin touching R4+5, this spot is also frequently absent; one fairly large rounded spot in 1st M2 cell below the radio-median cross-vein with its lower margin touching M3+Cu1; sometimes this spot runs into the spot above it (the one at the apex of R cell); in addition there are two very small and rounded spots at the apex of 1st M2 cell and one at the hind border below the median cross-vein, but these are also usually absent; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a very short but pointed angle, shorter than the M. cell; costal bristle not strong.

Squamulae pale yellow; halteres yellow.

All the known specimens of this interesting species are from Egypt. Seven of them (5 males and 2 females) are in my collection captured as follows : Wadi Hoff, 22.III. and 9.VI.1922; 7th Tour, Suez Road 23.VII.1922 and 3.VI.1924 ; Ezbet-el-Naghl 19.VII.1922 and two specimens, both males, in the collection of the Ministry of Agriculture, captured by Mr. E. W. Adair in Wadi Hussein (1.VI.1919).

TEPHRITIS LAUTA LOEW.  
(Pl. V. fig. 7 and Pl. I fig. 11)

Lw., Zeitschr. f. d. ges. Naturw., XXXIV. Heft 7 et 8, 18.11.  
(*Oryza*) (1869).

**DIAGNOSIS**:— A rather thick-set, brownish-yellow species, easily distinguished by the very faint reticulation of the wings.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 5.2–6 mm. ; ovipositor : 1 mm. ; wing : 4.4–4.9 mm.

*DESCRIPTION.*— Head entirely dull yellow and covered with a very delicate white pulverulence; proboscis dark brownish-yellow; ocellar triangle blackish; antennae yellow with the third joint darker and quite rounded at the tip; genal bristle very strong and accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 3; all the bristles are blackish except the upper *s.or.* the outer *rt.* the *prt.* and the *ocp.* whitish.

Thorax entirely covered with a dense characteristic brownish-yellow tomentum, which, in certain lights has a golden-brown reflection; on the disc there are three very distinct darker longitudinal lines; the tomentum however is often cinereous along the lower and hind margins of the pleurae and on the mesophragma. All the bristles are dark brown to blackish except the posterior *upl.* white; the *mpl.* and *pt.* are accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; the pubescence is uniformly pale yellowish; scutellum with four bristles.

Abdomen usually entirely orange-yellow but often the second, third, fourth and fifth segments are blackish except on the lower margins reddish-yellow; it possesses a greyish tomentum which is rather thin and inconspicuous; the pubescence is uniformly yellowish, so are the lateral and rather strong apical bristles; ovipositor shining black, as long as the three apical segments of the abdomen together and with a similar pale pubescence.

Legs entirely yellow with a uniform blackish pubescence.

Wings with all the veins and the stigma yellow and characterised by the very faint reticulation on the apical two thirds, leaving the basal third almost entirely hyaline; in other words the apical two thirds of the wings are greyish with very numerous small, rounded hyaline spots; median cross-vein not straight and situated at rather a greater distance than usual from the radio-median cross-vein; Cu2 with a bend in the middle, a character which is rather rare in the other Egyptian members of this genus.

Squamulae and halteres yellow.

This interesting species is not common in Egypt. I have captured it in Wadi Hoff during the months of May and June only (1921, 1922) by "sweeping" the inflorescence of *Stachys aegyptiaca* and *Larandula coronopifolia* but the food plant is unknown.

Up to the present *T. lauta* was known only from the Island of Rhoda in the Aegean.



## TEPHRITIS CONYZAE, FRAUENFELD.

(Pl. V fig. 4 and Pl. I fig. 14)

FRELD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII, 555, f. II (1856); Lw., Berlin. entom. Zeitschr., V 285, t. II, f. 18, (1861).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A small brownish-grey species with reticulate wings and a fairly long proboscis, the terminal portion of which is as long as the basal portion.

**Male and Female.** Length of body : 2.5–2.8 mm.; ovipositor : 0.7–0.8 mm.; wing : 2–2.4 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head fairly rounded and entirely yellow, except along the eye margins and face whitish owing to a very delicate tomentum of that colour; proboscis reddish-yellow with the apical portion as long as the basal, the latter being usually darker in colour, almost dark reddish-brown; antennae and palpi reddish-yellow; ocellar triangle blackish; epistoma fairly prominent; *i.or.* 2, *s.or.* 2; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the outer *rt.*, the *prt.* and the genal bristle whitish.

Thorax entirely covered with a dense brownish to brownish-grey tomentum with the three darker longitudinal lines on the disc usually quite distinct; all the bristles are black except the *pt.* white; scutellum with four bristles but the *a.sc.* are very weak, being not more than one fourth the length of the *b.sc.*; the pubescence on the thorax is uniformly pale yellowish and on the pleurae however it is much finer.

Abdomen entirely covered with a very delicate cinereous pulverulence; the pubescence is uniformly pale yellowish and longer and bristly on the lower margins of the segments and the apical bristles are black. Ovipositor entirely shining black, about as long as the abdomen and possessing a very delicate grevish pubescence.

Legs with all the femora usually dark brown or blackish except their extreme tips which are yellow to reddish-yellow; all the tibiae and tarsi are reddish-yellow.

Wings with a reticulate pattern which is very characteristic of the genus and greatly resembling those of the European *Oxyma absinthii* F. (the two species however are immediately distinguished by the relative lengths of the portions of the proboscis, the terminal portion being always shorter than the basal portion in *absinthii*, and by the general colour of the body); they are brownish and the hyaline spots are rather small, rounded and almost equal in size; these hyaline spots are as follows : 2 in 2nd C. cell, one covering the apex and the other close to the base; 5 in R1 cell; 6 or 7 in R3 cell; 3 in

R cell; 5 to 7 in R5 cell, some of which often run together; 3 or 4 spots in 1st M2 cell; 4 or 5 in 2nd M2 cell and 5 or 6 spots in Cu1 cell; the M. and Cu cells are usually entirely hyaline except the inferior angle of the latter brown; the extreme wing base is also hyaline; costal bristle very weak or absent; stigma dark brown; radio-median and median cross-veins not parallel and the latter is somewhat wavy; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a fairly long but not very pointed angle, longer than M cell.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

*T. conyzae* is so far known from Egypt only and Frauenfeld as early as 1856 gives as food plant for this species *Conyza aegyptiaca*. I have captured 7 males and 3 females on February 14th 1922, in an old garden at Koubba, but have not been able to ascertain yet whether the above mentioned food plant occurs in that locality. I have failed to recapture this interesting species since and I feel convinced that more success will be obtained by collecting the capitulum of the host plant in order to rear the adults.

I have also in my possession two specimens caught by Maître Ferrante and labelled "Cairo 1905."

#### TEPHRITIS ARGYROCEPHALA, LOEW.

(Pl. IV fig. 2 and Pl. I fig. 25)

Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 372. t. I. f. 30. (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Trypetid., 91. 10. t. XVII. f. 3. (*Oxyua*) (1862); ZETT. Dipt. Scand., VI. 2238. 41. (1847); FRFLD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. (*Oxyua*) (1856) et Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XIII. 220. (*Oxyua*) (1863); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 669.65. (*Oxyua*) (1858) et Faun. Austr., II. 155. (1864); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 326.13. (*Trypeta*) (1872).

**DIAGNOSIS**.— A medium sized species, much resembling *T. praecox* Lw. but distinguished by the wings which possess only 6 hyaline spots in R5 cell, the 5 apical ones being of almost equal size.

**Female**. Length of body : 4 mm.; ovipositor : 0.8–1.0 mm.; wing : 4 mm

**DESCRIPTION**.— Frons deep dull reddish-yellow, except on the upper margin yellowish-grey and whitish along the eye margins owing to a very delicate shining white pulverulence which extends over the face, epistoma, the broad cheeks and the palpi; proboscis reddish-yellow in front but dark brown, almost blackish behind and

with the terminal portion much shorter than the basal; occiput dark brownish-grey and possessing a grey pulverulence; vertex yellowish-grey with the ocellar triangle blackish; antennae reddish-yellow and covered with a very minute whitish pubescence and with a black, microscopically pubescent arista: there are some small pale hairs along the eye margins, cheeks and occiput, especially below where they become much longer; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 2; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the outer *rt.*, the *prt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristle pale yellowish.

Thorax entirely covered with a very dense brownish-grey pulverulence which, on the pleurae is greyish. The pubescence is very pale yellowish; scutellum yellow at the apex and bearing 4 bristles; all the bristles are black except the posterior *npl.* and the *pt.* yellow.

Abdomen entirely black and covered with a dense brownish-grey pulverulence like the thorax; the pubescence is longer as usual, pale yellow and there are a few rather short black bristles at the apex of the fifth segment; ovipositor shining black and as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together.

Legs reddish-yellow except for an elongated spot on the outer side of the front femora, a smaller spot on the middle femora and the basal two thirds of the hind femora dark brown. Sometimes the brown may be more extensive but the tips of the femora are always reddish or rusty-yellow.

Wings hyaline with a dark brown reticulation which is more intensive on the stigma, the latter being very dark brown with a minute rounded yellowish spot in the middle and touching the costa; costal bristle double; the base of the wing is almost entirely hyaline except for a brown spot below the humeral cross-vein, a quadrate spot across the middle of 2nd C. cell and a smaller spot near the base of R cell; the rest of the wing is best described as brown with rounded hyaline spots as follows: 3 large equidistant, more or less rounded spots in R1 cell, after the stigma, the upper and lower margins of which touch the costa and R2+3 respectively; 6 to 7 variable spots in R3 cell; 2 fairly large spots in R cell; 6 hyaline spots only in R5 cell, the five apical ones being of almost equal size; 2 large and 1 to 2 very small spots in 1st M2 cell; 1 large and 3 medium spots in 2nd M2 cell, the large one often running into one or two of the smaller ones below it; 7 to 8 spots running together and extending over almost the whole of Cu1 and 2nd A cells, and finally 1 isolated spot below the median cross-vein.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

Becker states that he has found this species in Cairo but I have not yet seen a single specimen from Egypt. The above description is made from a male given me by Dr. Becker, originating from St

Moritz and a female from Italy, kindly sent to me by Professor Bezzi, which, I must admit vary somewhat from Loew's and Schiner's descriptions. I cannot find, for instance, any traces of "4 rows of dark spots on the abdomen."

*T. argyrocephala* may prove later to be indigenous to Egypt, especially if one should gather methodically the capitulum of various *Compositae*. Fraenfeld has bred the adults from the flower-heads of *Aster amellus*.

TEPHRITIS PRAECON, LOEW.  
(Pl. V fig. 1)

Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 391. t. II. f. 44. (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Trypetid., 102. 9. t. XX. f. 4. (1862); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 674. 83 (1858); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortolid. 23. 22 (1871); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., V. 388. (1907).

**DIAGNOSIS:**—A brownish-grey species distinguished by the wings which have more than 6 hyaline spots of unequal size in R5 cell and by the femora which are blackish except their extreme apices yellow.

*Female.* Length of body : 4.4 mm.; ovipositor : 0.7 mm.; wing : 3.6 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**—Head entirely yellow except on the lateral margins of the frons, face, jaws and antennae pale yellow owing to a very delicate and minute white pulverulence; the occiput is blackish except its upper margin dark yellow and its lateral margins pale yellow; *s.or.* 2, *i.or.* 2; the *ocp.* is composed of very minute black bristles amongst which is found, here and there one large obtuse yellow bristle; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.or.*, the *prt.*, the outer *rt.* yellow and the genal bristle almost white.

Thorax entirely covered with a dense greyish-brown to brownish-grey tomentum which extends over the pleurae, mesophragma and scutellum, and, which, on the disc, in certain lights has a golden reflection; scutellum with 4 bristles; all the bristles are black except the *pt.* yellow; the pubescence is uniformly short and yellow all over.

Abdomen entirely covered with a brownish-grey tomentum which is much less dense than on the thorax; pubescence uniformly pale yellowish; apical bristles black; ovipositor as long as the three apical segments of the abdomen together and much less flattened than in the other species of this genus; in fact the single female which I possess from Kerdacé has an ovipositor which may be decidedly

described as cylindrical; it is very shining black with a very delicate brownish pubescence.

Legs with the femora blackish except their extreme apices yellow; the coxae, tibiae and tarsi are entirely yellow to reddish-yellow.

Wings very similar to those of the preceding species but distinguished by the darker colouration and by the more numerous hyaline spots in R5 cell which are of unequal size; the basal third of the wing is hyaline with some dark spots which are very similar as in *T. argyrocephala*, but the hyaline spots in the apical two thirds of the wing are as follows: the stigma is dark brown except for a rounded yellowish spot immediately after the middle; R1 cell contains 4 hyaline spots, the first of these, which is the smallest is near the base and immediately below the base of the stigma, the three others are in the apical half of the cell, equidistant and the first of these touches the apex of the stigma; in R3 cell there are from 6 to 7 spots, those in the basal half are rounded and usually very small and may be 2 or 3 in number, then come two quadrate spots, close to each other after the radio-median cross-vein and two (usually running together and forming one large spot) at the tip, superimposed, the upper one touching the tip of R2+3, and the lower the apical portion of R4+5; R cell contains two fairly large rounded spots towards the middle, the lower margins of which touch M1; 7 to 8 spots in R5 cell, which are unequal, the largest being near the base, above the median cross-vein, two or three small, rounded spots towards the middle and four rounded, almost equal spots in the apical half of the cell; in 1st M2 cell there are 4 hyaline spots, one very large in the basal half and three smaller spots in the apical half; 2nd M2 cell also contains 4 spots and Cu1 cell several large hyaline spots which almost always run together; costal bristle double; median cross-vein not straight; all the veins are yellow but blackish in correspondence with the dark spots.

Squamulae pale yellow; halteres yellow.

Only a single specimen, a female, is so far known from Egypt, which I have captured at Kerdacé on 27.V.21.

*T. praecox* is known in Central Europe and has been recorded from Asia Minor, Algeria, Madeira and Canary Islands.

As far as I am aware the food plant of this species is unknown.

TEPHRITIS SPRETA, LOEW.  
(Pl. IV fig. 1)

Lw., Berlin. entom. Zeitschr., V. 297. t. II. f. 26. (1861).

*matutina* ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortalid. 22.20. (1781); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., V. 387. 418. (1907).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— Allied to *T. matricariae* but distinguished from it by the general colour of the wings which is from brownish-grey to dark grey and by the apex of 1st M2 cell which is dark with one or at most two hyaline spots close to the median cross-vein.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 4.9–5.2 mm.; ovipositor : 0.9 mm.; wing : 4.3–4.6 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head yellow to orange yellow except along the eye margins; face and cheeks pale yellowish owing to a very delicate shining white tomentum which frequently extends over all the occiput; antennae reddish-yellow with a blackish microscopically pubescent arista; ocellar triangle blackish; epistoma not at all prominent; proboscis short, reddish-brown with yellow to pale yellow palpi; *s.or.* 2. *i.or.* 2; genal bristle well developed; all the bristles are blackish except the upper *s.or.*, the *prt.*, the outer *vt.* and the *ocp.* very pale yellowish.

Thorax black except on the humeral and prealar calli usually yellow (this is seen in rubbed specimens) and covered with a dense tomentum which, on the disc and scutellum is greyish-brown and on the pleurae and mesophragma cinereous; the lateral margins of the scutellum and extreme tip are usually reddish-yellow (as in *matricariae*); scutellum with 4 bristles; all the bristles are blackish except the *mpl.* and *pt.* brownish-grey; the pubescence is uniformly pale yellowish.

Abdomen black except the lower margins of the segments usually dark reddish-brown and entirely covered with a delicate cinereous tomentum; ovipositor as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together and usually entirely shining black; sometimes however the two lateral margins of the apical half or more are broadly reddish-yellow; the pubescence on the abdomen and on the basal half of the ovipositor is uniformly pale yellow but it is brownish and much finer on the apical half of the latter; the apical bristles are black.

Legs entirely pale yellow to reddish-yellow with a uniform blackish pubescence.

Wings of a dark grey to brownish-grey colour and rather large, rounded, hyaline spots which are very similar to *T. matricariae*; in fact I have been unable to find so far a single distinguishing character between the two species; the extreme wing base and 1st C.

cell are hyaline; 2nd C. cell with 2 large hyaline spots, one in the basal half and one occupying the apical half of the cell; the stigma is blackish with a yellowish spot which varies in size, usually it is in the apical half but does not extend to the apex and sometimes it occupies all the apical half; R1 cell with 4 hyaline spots, the two in the basal half being by far the smallest; R3 cell with 6 to 8 hyaline spots of varying size and shape; R cell with 7 spots; R5 cell with 5 to 7 spots; 1st M2 cell with 5 to 7 spots, the apex of this cell being blackish with one or at most two hyaline spots close to the median cross-vein; 2nd M2 cell with 4 to 5 hyaline spots; Cu1 cell with 4 to 5 spots which usually run together, except the apical one, below the median cross-vein and touching the lower margin; M. and Cu cell are almost entirely hyaline except for a small brownish-grey spot usually covering the inferior angle of Cu cell and extending over the apex of Cu2+A2; the axillary lobe is entirely hyaline; all the veins are identical with those of *T. matricariae*.

Squamulae pale yellow, halteres yellow.

In comparing the descriptions of *T. matutina* and *T. spreta* I have found no essential difference between them and I came to the conclusion that they referred to the same species. Prof. Bezzi has confirmed this conclusion by an examination of the type of *matutina* which he agrees to be a specimen of *spretta*.

I have captured a large series of 60 specimens of this species at Mazghouna 30.III.1923. It is rather variable and some of the forms are quite indistinguishable from *matricariae*. Without a series of the latter it is impossible to give any constant distinguishing character and it is quite possible that *spretta* may prove to be only a variety of *matricariae* and become a mere synonym. Owing to the rareness, up to the present time, of *spretta* (= *matutina*) previous authors have not had facilities for settling the relation of *matricariae* to *spretta*, even if they had suspected them to be the same.

#### TEPHRITIS MATRICARIAE, LOEW.

(Pl. IV fig. 4)

Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 389. t. II. f. 43 (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Trypetid., 102. 7. t. XX. f. 3. (1862); FRFLD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 556. (1856) et Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XI. 167. (1861); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 674. 82. (1858); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 343. 16. (*Trypeta*) (1872); БЕСК., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., 387. 7. (1907).

= *spretta* Lw ?

**DIAGNOSIS:** Apex of 1st M2 cell dark and with two or three small hyaline spots close to the median cross-vein.

**DESCRIPTION.** ♂ and ♀ Easily distinguished from the preceding species [*T. conura*, *T. simplex* Lw.] by its smaller size and by the network of the wing-markings which are equally extensive and connected but with much larger meshes. Colour greyish-yellow. Frons moderately broad. Eyes large, cheeks narrow. The face is moderately concave and the epistoma distinct but not very prominent. Thorax without pattern. Scutellum with the lateral margins usually distinctly clay-yellow. Abdomen somewhat blackish-grey. The short hairs on the thorax and abdomen are pale all over but the usual bristles are black. Ovipositor as long as the two last segments of the abdomen together, or perhaps a very little longer, shining black, but at the centre of the lateral margin occasionally red. The pubescence near the base of the ovipositor is pale. Legs yellowish-brown, the femora being sometimes a little darker. The brownish-black wing-markings are very extensive and moderately connected but with a very wide mesh. The two areas which are usually less interrupted and consequently darker are smaller and separated from each other; the second [sic] of these has only a single clear spot on the fore margin. Near the posterior cross-vein, however, the dark colouration is more concentrated but without it forming a conspicuous, large, darker area; at the extreme tip of the wing there is a large clear spot and in front of this there is a transverse band which is usually very irregular and formed by similar clear spots and which often completely separates the blackish spots situated at the apices of the third and fourth longitudinal veins from the remaining network of the wings. The stigma with a clear spot.

This species is very common in Asia Minor and in the whole of Southern Europe. I have captured it in great quantity at Rhoda on *Matricaria*, but without my being able to ascertain definitely if the larva feeds on this plant (as I suspect) or not."

I have given above Loew's description of this doubtful species and it can be seen that no reliable specific distinction is given.

I have seen no Egyptian specimens which I can identify as this species and moreover I possess one specimen (a ♀), of Loew's original types, kindly given to me by Dr. G. Enderlein and I fail to separate it from *T. spreta* Lw. In addition Prof. Bezzi is unable to give me an opinion on this subject as he writes to me that he does not possess this species and that "it appears that it differs from *spreta* Lw. by its wing pattern which is closer, darker and somewhat resembling the pattern of the species of *Euaresta* at the extre-



mity of the wing" Becker \* states that he has found *T. matricariae* in Cairo and neighbourhood, but I presume that he means *T. spreta*.

### TEPHRITIS TESSELLATA, LOEW.

Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 396, t. II, f. 49 (*Trypeta*) (1844).  
Linn. entom., I. 518.59. (*Trypeta*) et Trypetid., 90.8. t. XVII.  
f. 1-2. (*Oxya*) (1862); ZETT., Dipt. Scand., VI. 2236. 50. (1847);  
FRLD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 554. (*Oxya*)  
(1856) et Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien., XI. 164. (*Oxya*) (1861);  
SCHIN., Verb. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien., VIII. 671. 71. (*Oxya*) (1858)  
et Faun. Austr., II. 156. (1864); KALTENB., Pflanzent., 396. 16 et  
399. 45. (*Trypeta*) (1872); WACHTL, Wien. ent. Zeitg., I. 277. 12.  
(*Oxya*) (1882); BECK., Acta Soc. scient. Fenn., XXVI. 61. 126  
(*Oxya*) (1900) et Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II. 135.218 (*Oxya*)  
(1903).

*leontodontis* ZETT., Ins. Lapp., 745.5. *var. b.c.* (1847).

*punctella var.  $\beta$* . FALL., Dipt. Succ. Orthalid., 13.21. (1820).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— A medium size species much resembling *T. matricariae* but distinguished from it by the wings which possess the base of 1st M2 dark and by the general colour.

*Male and Female.*— Length of body : 3.5–4.3 mm.; ovipositor : 0.8 mm.; wing : 4 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely yellow to reddish-yellow, but the frons is usually greyish-yellow above and reddish-yellow on its lower two thirds; occiput blackish except on the upper margin and below greyish-yellow like the vertex; vertical triangle blackish; the head is covered with a delicate tomentum which is conspicuously whitish on the eye margins, the cheeks and antennae; proboscis short, with the basal portion reddish-yellow in front but blackish behind, and the terminal portion reddish-yellow; *s.ov.* 2, *i.ov.* 2; all the bristles are black except the upper *s.ov.*, the outer *rt.*, the *prt.* the *ocp.* and the genal bristle yellowish.

Thorax densely covered with a tomentum which is usually grey to brownish-grey on the disc, greyish-brown on the sides and upper margins of the pleurae and greyish again on the pleurae below : occasionally the three darker longitudinal lines are just perceptible on the disc; scutellum with 4 bristles and possessing a grey or greyish-yellow tomentum.

(\*) Becker, Dr. Th., Mitteil. Zool. Mus. Berlin, II. 132.214, 1903.

Abdomen entirely black and possessing a fine grey pulverulence which is darker in two rounded areas, one on each side of the median line in the second, third and fourth segments respectively; in other words the abdomen is entirely grey except for two large rounded spots on each of the three apical segments; very often however these spots are absent and the abdomen is entirely grey to dark brownish-grey. The pubescence is pale and longer as usual than on the thorax, especially on the lower and lateral margins of the segments; in addition there are some fairly short black bristles at the tip; male hypopygium very dark reddish-brown but reddish-yellow at the extreme tip; ovipositor shining black, as long as the two apical abdominal segments together and possessing a very delicate and inconspicuous dark greyish pubescence.

Legs with all the femora blackish except on the apical third reddish-yellow and the tibiae and tarsi reddish-yellow; the blackish colour is often however, more extensive on the femora; the pubescence is uniformly dark brown to blackish all over.

Wings very similar to those of the preceding species but the base of 1st M2 cell is dark instead of being hyaline and the hyaline spots are disposed as follows: 2 large spots in R1 cell, one small near the base and one near the apex; 5 to 6 spots in R3 cell, the two or four of which, in the basal third are very small and the three others much larger; 2 medium sized spots in the apical half of R cell; only 6 spots in R5 cell, the basal one being the largest and the 5 apical ones of almost equal size; 4 spots in 1st M2 cell, two of which are larger than the others; 2nd M2 with 4 hyaline spots, three of which run together and the fourth isolated, near the tip and touching the lower margin; the spots in Cu1 cell all run together except for a small spot below the median cross-vein on the lower wing margin, thus rendering this cell hyaline except for two or three brownish indentations and one spot covering the inferior angle of Cu cell; the wing base is hyaline except for an oblique dark brown spot covering the humeral cross-vein and the base of 2nd C. cell, a quadrate, dark brown spot in the middle of the same cell, one over the bases of R1, R2+3 and R4+5 and one small spot near the latter, in the basal third of R cell; median cross-vein not straight.

Squamulae pale yellow; halteres reddish-yellow.

This species is extremely variable and Loew had attempted to describe some of the chief varieties but he found it an almost impossible task, owing to the lack of clear distinctness between the forms and the variation in the colour of the legs, the spots of the wings, etc., in almost every individual.

Frauenfeld states that he has bred the adult of this species from the flower-heads of *Taraxacum officinale* in Europe but Loew

remarks that he is in doubt as regards this statement owing to the fact that no sharp distinctness existed at that moment between *tessellata* and another closely allied species (*O. producta* Lw.) with which the above species has always been confused.

Kaltenbach gives as food plant for this species *Sonchus arvensis*, *Tragopogon*, *Podospermum* and *Apargia* sp.

In Egypt the food plant is unknown. *T. tessellata* is not common. I have up till now captured 6 specimens only, four males and two females from the Mariout district, 5 and 21.IV.1921, and Becker had captured one pair in Alexandria in May 1899.

*T. tessellata* is known in Europe and has been recorded from Siberia, Chinese Turkestan, Algeria, Morocco, Madeira and Canary Islands and from the Oriental Tibet.

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## 17. TRYPANEA, SCHRANK.

SCHRANK, Briefe Danaumoor, 147. (1795).

*Actinophora*, ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortalid. (1871).

*Ditricha* p.p., ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortalid. (1871).

*Urellia*, ROB.-DESV., Myod., 775. (1830).

Allied to *Tephritis* but distinguished from it and from other genera by the dark pattern of the wings which is star-shaped and limited to the apex, by the scutellum usually possessing only one pair of *b.sc.* and the slender body.

Head broader than high; frons broad; eyes rounded; epistoma fairly prominent; cheeks rather narrow; proboscis short, geniculate but the flaps not much prolonged; antennae placed at the middle of the eyes, with the third joint broad, more than twice the length of the second joint and pointed at the tip, above; arista bare; *oc.* fairly strong; *s.or.* 2, the upper short and white, *i.or.* 3 or 2; *ocp.* well developed, genal bristle fairly well developed to weak.

Thorax with a complete chaetotaxy; 1 *mpl.*; scutellum usually with only one pair of *b.sc.* but sometimes the *a.sc.* is also present.

Abdomen usually slender with weak lateral and apical bristles; female ovipositor conical, flattened and fairly short.

Legs as in *Tephritis*.

Wings characterised by the dark pattern which is star-shaped and limited to the apex, the remaining surface being hyaline or with very few spots; in any case the wings are not reticulate.

TYPE : *Musca stellata*, FUESSLY (1775).

Only four species of this comparatively small genus are known so far from Egypt, three of which, *amoena*, *stellata* and *eluta*, have a wide geographical distribution. *T. anqur* is so far known only from Persia, Algiers and Egypt.

The members of this genus are all flower-head feeders and they seem to be entirely confined to the Natural Order *Compositae*.

## TABLE OF EGYPTIAN SPECIES

- 1 (6) *i.or.* 3.
- 2 (3) Scutellum with 4 bristles; wings pale with faint markings only . . . . . 1 *T. eluta*, MEIG.
- 3 (2) Scutellum with 2 bristles; wings with a dark area near the apex from which radiate several narrow bands like spokes of wheel (star-shaped).
- 4 (5) 3 dark radiating narrow bands reaching posterior apical margin of wing . . . . . 2 *T. amoena*, FRIED.
- 5 (4) Only 2 dark radiating narrow bands reaching posterior apical margin of wing . . . . . 3 *T. stellata*, FUESSLY.
- 6 (1) *i.or.* 2; 5 dark radiating narrow bands reaching wing tip . . . . . 4 *T. augur*, FRIED.

TRYPANEA ELUTA, MEIGEN.  
(Pl. V fig. 2)

MEIG., Syst. Besch., V. 344. t. L. f. 13 (*Trypeta*) (1826); MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II. 472.14 (*Acinia*) (1835); LW., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 416. t. II. f. 67 (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Trypetid., 117. 1. t. XXIV. f. 3. (*Urellia*) (1862); DUF., Ann. Soc. Entom. Fr., II. série. 49. (*Urellia*) (1849); FRIED., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 544 (*Urellia*) (1856) et Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XIII. 218. (*id.*) (1863); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 674.85. (*Urellia*) (1858) et Faun. Anstr., II. 171. (*id.*) (1864); FR-LÖW., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, XVI. 949. (*Urellia*) (1866); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 386.45. (*Trypeta*) (1872); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., V. 390.424 (*Urellia*) (1907) et Annair. d. Mus. Zool. d. l'Acad. Imp. d. Scienc. d. St. Petersb., XVII. 644. 312 (*Trypanea*) (1912).

*helianthi* ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortalid. 12.1. (1871).

**DIAGNOSIS:**—Distinguished by the 4 scutellar bristles and by the usually weak and diffuse wing pattern.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 4–5.9 mm.; ovipositor : 2.9 mm.; wing : 4.4–5 mm.

*DESCRIPTION:*— Head yellow and entirely covered with a very fine white tomentum which is rather more dense along the eye margins and towards the middle of the face; occiput blackish towards the centre, above the ocellar triangle also blackish; all the bristles are blackish-brown except the upper *s.or.* the outer *rt.*, the *ocp.* white and the small but distinct genal bristle black.

Thorax and scutellum entirely covered with a dense cinereous or yellowish-grey pulverulence which extends over the whole of the pleurae and mesophragma; the lateral margins of the disc and upper margins of the pleurae however are often covered with a yellow or golden-yellow tomentum; usually traces of the three narrow and darker longitudinal lines are seen on the upper half of the disc; all the bristles are brownish-black except the *p.npl.* and the *pt.* yellow; the *mpl.* and *pt.* are accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; scutellum with 4 bristles but the *a.sc.* are much weaker than the *b.sc.* and converging at the apex; the pubescence on the thorax and scutellum is very pale yellow, scattered and somewhat longer at the hind margin.

Abdomen entirely black but appearing dark grey owing to a grey pulverulence which is much less dense than on the thorax, hence the abdomen is darker in colour; ovipositor as long as or even slightly longer than the abdomen, very shining black; the bristles are from dark grey to blackish; the pubescence is from pale yellow to yellow on the abdomen and ovipositor, except on the apical third of the latter blackish, much finer and inconspicuous.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow, with a short uniform blackish pubescence; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings characterised by being hyaline with some pale brown markings or spots which are often very indistinct; these brown markings are situated between the stigma and the apex of R2+3 and leaving always the tip and the lower margin broadly hyaline; the stigma is yellow with the extreme tip usually brownish-black; the veins are blackish except on the basal third yellow; inferior angle of Cu cell drawn out into a very short but pointed angle, shorter than the M. cell; costal bristle double.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

*T. cluta* is common almost everywhere, in Lower as well as in Upper Egypt. I have captured it in Mariout, Port-Said, Cairo, Alexandria, Suez Road, Helwan, Wadi Hoff, Wadi Rashid, Wadi Garawi, Wadi Tib, Wadi Rishrash, Sakkara, Mazhouna, Kom-

Ombo, Keneh, Asswan and in Wadi Um-Biar, near Kosseir. My dates extend from January 12th to December 20th 1922. It is recorded from other parts of North Africa, Europe, Asia Minor, Persia, Chinese Turkestan and Canary Islands.

I have recently bred *T. elata* from the capitulum of *Silybum marianum* from Ezbet-el-Nakhl (20.V.1924) and from *Centaurea pallescens* and *aegyptiaca* (III.—VI.1924) from Kerdacé and Heliopolis. In Europe the larva is known to feed in the flower-heads of several *Compositae* such as *Oнопordon*, *Amberboa* and *Centaurea*.

TRYPANEA AMOENA. FRAUENFELD.  
(Pl. V fig 6)

FRELD., Ber. d. K.K. Akad., XXII. 542. f. 2. (*Trypeta*) (1856) et Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien. XI. 165. (*Urellia*) (1861); WOLLASTON, Ann. Mag. of Nat. Hist., I. 269 (*Tephritis*) (1858); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien VIII. 682.116. (*Urellia*) (1858) et Faun. Austr., II. 170. (*Tephritis*) (1864); Lw., Trypetid., 120. 5. t. XXV. f. 2. (*Urellia*) (1862); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 390.6 et 394.34 (*Tephritis*) (1872); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., V. 385.414 (*Urellia*) (1907) et Annuaire. d. Mus. Zool. d. l'Acad. Imp. d. Science de St. Petersb., XVII. 643.310 (*Trupanea*) (1912).

*parisiensis* ROND., DipteroL. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortolid. 29.2. (*Ditricha*) (1871).

*radiata* p.p., WALK., Entom. Mag., III. 74. (incl. f. 19.) (*Urellia*) (1844).

*stellata* Lw., Germ. Zeitschr., V. 411. 71. *var.1.* (*Trypeta*) (1844).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— Distinguished by the 3 dark radiating narrow bands reaching the posterior apical margin of wing.

*Male and Female.* Length of body : 3.2—5 mm. ; ovipositor : 1.1 mm. ; wing : 3.3—4.3 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely pale yellow and covered with a delicate white tomentum all over; proboscis and palpi yellow; antennae with the third joint usually brownish-yellow; eyes of a beautiful iridescent metallic green colour when alive, which colour often persists in dried specimens; all the bristles are blackish-brown except the upper *s.ov.*, the *rt.*, the *pvt.* and the *ocp.* pale yellowish; often the longer *rt.* is brown.

Thorax, scutellum, pleurae and mesophragma entirely grey to yellowish-grey owing to their being covered with a very dense tomentum of that colour; scutellum with only one pair of *b.sc.*; all the

bristles are greyish-brown except the *p.npl.* and the *pt.* pale yellow; the *mpl.* and the *pt.* are accompanied by some pale bristly hairs; pubescence pale yellow.

Abdomen entirely covered with a dense yellowish-grey tomentum and a pale yellow pubescence like the thorax; the short lateral bristles are yellowish but the longer apical bristles are usually brown; ovipositor very shining black and about as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together; its pubescence is pale yellowish on the basal half, but brown and finer on the apical half.

Legs entirely yellow to reddish-yellow; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings hyaline with a characteristic dark patch at the upper margin near the tip, from which radiate several dark narrow bands; the first of these bands arises from M1, a little before the radio-median cross-vein and extends upwards obliquely to the stigma, touching R1; the stigma itself is usually yellow but there is a small black spots on the costa at the base of the double costal bristle; on the upper margin there is a single short dark band which runs a little obliquely from R2+3 to the costa, above the radio-median cross-vein; the black patch covers the apical fourth of R1 cell, (thus leaving a fairly large triangular spot in the apical third of this cell) more than the apical half of R3 cell leaving the inferior outer angle hyaline and almost the whole of R5 cell except for two hyaline spots at the base and the entire apex broadly hyaline; the apex of 2nd M2 cell is also hyaline but the dark patch extends over the upper margin for two thirds of the length of this cell and gives rise to 4 narrow bands, 3 of which reach the lower margin and the fourth in 1st M2 cell only reaches M3+Cu1; the first of these bands is the stoutest and shortest, the second intermediate in length between the first and third, towards the middle of 2nd M2 cell and the third is the longest and narrowest, covers the median cross-vein and the extreme tip of M3+Cu1; there is also a small indistinct isolated pale brown spot in Cu1 cell on M3+Cu1; the black patch contains, in addition to the two fairly large and variable hyaline spots at the base of R5 cell, from 1 to 3 smaller hyaline spots, one of which in R3 cell, touching R2+3 is always present, but the other 2, very small, one at the tip of R1 cell and the other in R3 cell immediately below the triangular hyaline spot in R1 cell, are often absent; the outer lateral margin of the dark patch is emarginate and often there is a fifth short, narrow band arising from the lower angle of the patch and extending over the apical part of M1 into 2nd M2 cell; in the upper half of the wing, the inner margin of the dark patch is limited above by the short oblique band in R1 cell and below by a band running on the radio-median cross-vein; all the veins are yellow, but blackish in correspondance with the dark markings.



Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

This is the commonest species of this genus in Egypt. I have captured it in all the localities mentioned above for *T. elata*; I have often observed and obtained it on *Zygophyllum coccineum*, in the desert but have not been able to ascertain yet whether this plant is in any way associated with the life history of this species. In Europe it has been bred from *Picris hieracioides* and from several species of *Lactuca*. *T. amoena* is known from other parts of North Africa, Europe, Madeira and Canary Islands, Persia, Asia Minor and Chinese Turkestan.

More recently I have bred it from the capitulum of *Senecio coronopifolius* and *Picris sprengeriana* from Kerdacé (IV.—V. 1924), from *Sonchus oleraceus* (Gizeh 20.V. 1924) and from *Centaurea calcitrapa* (Barrage 3.VI. 1924).

#### TRYPANEA STELLATA, FUESSLY.

(Pl. V fig. 9)

FUESSLY, Verz., 1125. (*Musca*) (1775); SULZER, Ins., 216. t. XXVIII. f. 12 (*Musca*) (1781); CURTIS, Trans. Entom. Soc., II. Bd. III. 43. (*Urellia*) (1823-40); Lw. Germ. Zeitschr., V. 411. 71. t. II. f. 62, 63 (*exl. rar.* I) (*Trypeta*) (1844) et Trypetid., 119. 4. t. XXV. f. 1 (*Urellia*) (1862); BOIE, Stettin. Entom. Zeitg., VIII. 328. 23. (*Urellia*) (1847); SCHOLTZ, Zeitschr. f. Entom. Breslau, 14. (*Urellia*) (1848); WALK., Ins. Brit., II. 204. (*Trypeta*) (1856); FRELD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 553. f. 3. (*Urellia*) (1856), Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien. XI. 165. (*Tephritis*) (1861) et XIII. 218. (*id.*) (1863); SCHIN., Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, VIII. 681. 115. (*Urellia*) (1858) et Faun. Austr., II. 169. (*Tephritis*) (1864); ROND., Dipterol. Ital. Prodr., VII. Ortolid. 28. 1. (*Ditricha*) (1871); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 326. 14: 339. 6; 388. 5 et 403. 36. (*Trypeta*) (1872); BECK., Annuaire d. Mus. Zool. d. l'Acad. Imp. d. Science d. St. Petersb., XVII. 643. 309. (*Trypanea*) (1912).

*calcitrapae* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 775. I. (*Trypanea*) (1830).

*parisiensis* ROB.-DESV., Myod., 775. 2. (*Trypanea*) (1830).

*radiata* FABR., Entom. Syst. suppl., 565. 157. (*Musca*) (1798) et Syst. Antl., 319. 16. (*Tephritis*) (1805); PANZ., Faun. Germ., CIII. 21. (*Tephritis*) (1806); SCHRANK, Faun. Boica, III. 2525. (*Trypanea*) (1803); MEIG., Syst. Besch., V. 343. 48. t. I. f. 3. (*Trypeta*) (1826); MACQ., Suit. à Buff., II. 472. 11. (*Aciusia*) (1835); WALK., p. p., Entom. Mag., III. 74. (*excl. fig.* 19.) (*Urellia*) (1836); ZETT., Dipt. Scand., VI. 2254. 51. (*Tephritis*) (1847); LUCAS, Explor. scient.

de l'Algérie, III.497.256. (*Acinia*) (1849); WALK., The Entom., No. 92.345.87. (*Urellia*) (1871); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 335.27. et 341.13 (*Trypeta*) (1872).

*terminata* FALL., Dipt. Suec. Ortalid., 13.20. (*Tephritis*) (1820); MACQ., Suit à Buff., II.471.10. (*Tephritis*) (1835); KALTENB., Pflanzenf., 361.18. (*Trypeta*) (1872).

**DIAGNOSIS:**— Very similar to the preceding species but distinguished from it by its smaller size and by having only 2 dark radiating narrow bands reaching the posterior apical margin of wing.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 2—3.5 mm.; ovipositor : 0.9 mm.; wing : 2.5—3.3 mm.

**DESCRIPTION:**— Head entirely pale yellow and covered with a dense white tomentum, except the proboscis, palpi and antennae yellow to brownish-yellow; the *oc.* are very strong in the female but very weak in the male; all the bristles are blackish except the upper *s.or.* the outer *st.*, the *prt.*, the *ocp.* and the genal bristle whitish.

Thorax and abdomen entirely bluish-grey owing to a very delicate pulverulence of that colour and possessing a very pale pubescence; the bristles are brownish-yellow; ovipositor very shining black and about as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow but the front femora dark reddish-brown except the extreme apex reddish-yellow; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings with a pattern very similar to the preceding species but distinguished from it by the dark patch from which arise only 2 radiating narrow bands reaching the posterior apical margin; stigma usually with a dark spot near the base, but often is entirely yellow; the triangular spot in R1 cell continues below in R2 cell over R2+3 and often there is a small black spot at the apex of R2 cell, touching the Costa; the two outer narrow bands are the only ones which reach the lower margin and sometimes the first band is reduced and does not even reach the middle of 2nd M2 cell; the third narrow band always ends at the tip of the median cross-vein and never reaches the lower margin; the inner band is also reduced and the radio-median cross-vein is always bordered with dark grey; costal bristle very weak.

Squamulae whitish; halteres reddish-yellow to yellow.

*T. stellata* is not rare, especially in Upper Egypt. I have captured it in Alexandria, Mariout, Cairo, Kerdacé and Asswan; my

records extend from January 18th to July 27th 1922. The food plant in Egypt is not known so far but in Europe the larva is known to feed in the flower-heads of a great many composite plants, such as *Aster*, *Chrysanthemum*, *Anthemis*, *Hieracium*, *Serratula*, *Inula*, *Senecio* and others.

This species is known from other parts of North Africa, Europe, Asia Minor, Canary Islands and Chinese Turkestan.

TRYPANEA AUGUR. FRAUENFELD.

(Pl. V fig. 5 and Pl. I fig. 15 and 23)

FRFLD., Sitzungsber. d. Kais. Akad. d. Wiss., XXII. 557. fig. 10. (*Urellia*) (1856); Lw., Berlin, Entom. Zeitg., V.304. t. II. f. 30. (*Urellia*) (1861); BECK., Zeitschr. f. Hymen. u. Dipt., V. 385.415. (*Urellia*) (1907) et Annuair d. Mus. Zool. d. l'Acad. Imp. d. Sc. d. St. Petersb., XVII.644.311. (*Trypanea*) (1912).

**DIAGNOSIS**:— Distinguished by the 2 *i.or.* and by the 5 dark narrow bands reaching the posterior and apical margins of the wing.

*Male* and *Female*. Length of body : 4-4.6 mm.; ovipositor : 0.6 mm.; wing : 3.8-4 mm.

**DESCRIPTION**:— Head entirely pale yellow and covered with a delicate pale yellow tomentum which, on the frons is almost white; all the bristles are blackish to brownish except the upper *s.or.*, the outer *rt.*, the *pt.* and the *ocp.* whitish; genal bristle strong and accompanied by some white bristly hairs

Thorax, pleurae, scutellum and mesophragma entirely covered with a dense cinereous tomentum and with a very pale yellow pubescence; all the bristles are brownish except the *p.npl.* and the *pt.* pale yellow; the *mpl.* and the latter are accompanied by some yellowish bristly hairs; scutellum with only one pair of *b.sc.*

Abdomen entirely covered with a cinereous tomentum and with a similar pubescence as that of the thorax; ovipositor dark reddish-yellow, shining and as long as the two apical segments of the abdomen together.

Legs entirely reddish-yellow; front femora with a row of bristles beneath; middle tibiae with a single spur.

Wings characterised by the dark patch which is more extensive than in the other three species and which give rise to 5 rays reaching the apical and posterior margins; this dark patch almost entirely covers the stigma and almost the whole of R1, R3 and R5 cells, leaving the bases of these cells hyaline as well as the apices of the two

latter; in R1 cell there is a characteristic elongated hyaline spot on the costa resembling a drop, with its inflated end towards the middle of R1 cell and its narrow end in the middle of the stigma; in R3 cell there are two hyaline spots, the first of which is small and rounded, at the tip of R2+3 on the costa, and the second, at the tip of the cell is much larger, triangular and ending in R5 cell; here the dark patch radiates; the upper or first ray covers the tip of R4+5 (forming the outer margin of the last mentioned triangular spot), the second ray runs obliquely downwards and covers the tip of M1; the third, fourth and fifth rays run almost vertically downwards in 2nd M2 cell, except the fifth ray which covers the undulated median cross-vein; these five rays or dark narrow bands are almost equidistant from each other and they all end at the wing margin; in addition there is one or two short, dark narrow bands in 1st M2 cell, which sometimes only reach M3+Cu1; there is also a rounded hyaline spot in R5 cell near the base, touching M1; costal bristle not strong.

Squamulae whitish; halteres yellow.

Although it is stated above, in the generic description that in this species the proboscis should be "short and geniculate and with the flaps not much prolonged" it is of great interest to record that in a single specimen of the 47 that I have examined the proboscis is of an entirely different type, being strongly geniculate with the apical portion as long as the basal portion (Pl. I, fig. 15) and therefore resembling more the *Tephritis* group to which *T. conyzae* Frfld. belong. In all other characters this specimen is entirely typical.

This handsome species is fairly common all over Egypt; I have captured it in all the localities mentioned above for the three other species and my dates extend from end of January to end of November 1922. I very much suspect the larva to live on *Zygophyllum*, but I am not able yet to state this definitely. *T. anqur* has also been recorded from Persia and Algiers by Dr. Th. Becker.

APPENDIX

List of the Egyptian Trypaneidae  
and their host plants.

Genus : species	Natural Order	Genus : species	Part of plant attacked.
1 <i>Dacus oleae</i> Gmel. ....	Oleaceae	<i>Olea europaea</i> " <i>verrucosa</i> , <i>chrysophylla</i> etc.	Fruit "
2 <i>Dacus longistylus</i> Wied.	Asclepiadaceae	<i>Calotropis procera</i>	"
3 <i>Dacus semisphaereus</i> Beck.			
4 <i>Dacus annulatus</i> Beck.			
5 <i>Dacus sexmaculatus</i> Walk.			
6 <i>Chaetodacus zonatus</i> Saund.	Rosaceae	<i>Prunus persica</i>	"
7 <i>Carpomyia incompleta</i> Beck.	Rhamnaceae	<i>Zizyphus spina-christi</i> " <i>jujuba</i>	" "
8 <i>Myiopardalis pardalina</i> Big.	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cucumis Melo</i>	"
9 <i>Ceratitidis capitata</i> Wied.	Rutaceae	<i>Citrus aurantium</i> " <i>nobilis</i> " <i>japonica</i> " <i>decumana</i>	" " " "
	Rosaceae	<i>Prunus persica</i> " <i>armeniaca</i> " <i>cerasus</i> <i>Eryobotrya japonica</i> <i>Pyrus communis</i> " <i>germanica</i> " <i>cydonia</i> " <i>malus</i>	" " " " " " " "
	Anacardiaceae	<i>Chrysothamnus ellipticus</i>	"
	Solanaceae	<i>Mangifera indica</i> <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> <i>Solanum capsicastrum</i> <i>Atropa belladonna</i> <i>Capsicum</i> sp. <i>Cestrum</i> sp.	" " " " " "
	Rubiaceae	<i>Coffea arabica</i>	"
	Oleaceae	<i>Noronhia emarginata</i>	"
	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cucurbita</i> sp.	"
	Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros Kaki</i>	"
	Myrtaceae	<i>Engenia braziliensis</i> " <i>jambos</i> " <i>malaccensis</i> " <i>uniflora</i>	" " " "
		<i>Psidium guajava</i> " <i>cattleyanum</i>	" "
	Cactaceae	<i>Opuntia tuna</i> " <i>vulgaris</i>	" "

Genus : species	Natural Order	Genus : species	Part of plant attacked
	Moraceae	<i>Ficus carica</i>	"
	Combretaceae	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	"
	Vitaceae	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	"
	Apocynaceae	<i>Thevetia nerifolia</i>	"
	Lauraceae	<i>Persea gratissima</i>	"
	Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora quadrangularis</i>	"
	Rutaceae	<i>Murraya exotica</i>	"
	Sapotaceae	<i>Mimusops elengi</i>	"
		<i>Chrysophyllum cainito</i>	"
		" <i>icaco</i>	"
		<i>Achras sapota</i>	"
	Guttiferae	<i>Mammea americana</i>	"
		<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i>	"
	Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i>	"
	Caricaceae	<i>Carica papaya</i>	"
		" <i>quercifolia</i>	"
	Apocynaceae	<i>Carissa arduina</i>	"
	Flacourtiaceae	<i>Aberia caffra</i>	"
	Anonaceae	<i>Anona muricata</i>	"
	?	<i>Herpephyllum caffrum</i>	"
10 <i>Spheniscomyia debskii</i> Efflat.	Labiatae	<i>Stachys aegyptiaca</i>	Floral buds
11 <i>Spheniscomyia aegyptiaca</i> Efflat.	Labiatae	<i>Lavandula coronopifolia</i>	" "
		<i>Stachys aegyptiaca</i> ?	" "
12 <i>Metaspheniscus gracilipes</i> Lw.			
13 <i>Aciura tibialis</i> R.-D. ....	Labiatae	<i>Lavandula coronopifolia</i>	" "
14 <i>Myiopites variofasciata</i> Beck.			
15 <i>Urophora macrura</i> Lw. ...	Compositae	<i>Onopordon illyricum</i>	Thalamus (swollen)
		<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	" "
16 <i>Urophora quadrifasciata</i> Meig.	Compositae	<i>Centaurea paniculata</i>	" "
		" <i>jacea</i>	" "
		" <i>pallescens</i>	" "
17 <i>Schistopterum moebiusi</i> Beck.	Compositae	<i>Pluchea dioscoridis</i>	Inflorescence
18 <i>Terellia jaceae</i> R.-D. ....	Compositae	<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	"
		" <i>pallescens</i>	"
		" <i>calcitrapa</i>	"
19 <i>Terellia planiscutellata</i> Beck.	Compositae	<i>Pluchea dioscoridis</i>	"
20 <i>Terellia serratullae</i> L.	Compositae	<i>Carduus defloratus</i>	"
		" <i>acanthoides</i>	"
21 <i>Terellia virens</i> Lw. ....	Compositae	<i>Centaurea paniculata</i>	"
22 <i>Sphenella marginata</i> Fall.	Compositae	<i>Senecio coronopifolius</i>	"
		<i>Picris sprengeriana</i>	"
		<i>Centaurea</i> sp.	"
		<i>Cineraria</i> sp.	"
23 <i>Ensina sororcula</i> Wied.			
24 <i>Spathulina parceguttata</i> Beck.	Compositae	<i>Ceruana pratensis</i>	"

Genus : species	Natural Order	Genus : species	Part of plant attacked
25 <i>Euaesta iphionae</i> Efflat.	Compositae	<i>Iphiona mucronata</i>	Stem (galls)
26 <i>Tephritis matricariae</i> Lw.	Compositae	<i>Anthemis melampodia</i>	Inflorescence
27 <i>Tephritis spreta</i> Lw.			
28 <i>Tephritis conyzae</i> Frfld.	Compositae	<i>Conyza aegyptiaca</i> ?	"
9 <i>Tephritis lauta</i> Lw.			
30 <i>Tephritis praecox</i> Lw.			
31 <i>Tephritis desertorum</i> n.sp.			
32 <i>Tephritis pulcherrima</i> n.sp.			
33 <i>Tephritis argyrocephala</i> Lw.	Compositae	<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	Flower-heads
		<i>Aster amellus</i>	"
34 <i>Tephritis tessellata</i> Lw.	Compositae	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	"
		<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	"
35 <i>Trypanea amoena</i> Frfld.	Compositae	<i>Pieris hieracioides</i>	"
		" <i>sprengeriana</i>	"
		<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	"
		<i>Lactuca virosa</i>	"
		" <i>scariola</i>	"
		" <i>saligna</i>	"
		<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	"
		<i>Asteriscus graveolens</i>	"
	Zygophyllaceae	<i>Zygophyllum coccineum</i> ?	"
36 <i>Trypanea augur</i> Frfld.	Zygophyllaceae	<i>Zygophyllum coccineum</i> ?	"
37 <i>Trypanea eluta</i> Meig.	Compositae	<i>Onopordon illyricum</i>	"
		<i>Silybum marianum</i>	"
		<i>Centaurea paniculata</i>	"
		" <i>jacea</i>	"
		" <i>pallescens</i>	"
38 <i>Trypanea stellata</i> Fuessly	Compositae	<i>Aster tripolium</i>	"
		<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i>	"
		" <i>inodorum</i>	"
		<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	"
		" <i>arvensis</i>	"
		" <i>cinerea</i>	"
		" <i>melampodia</i>	"
		<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>	"
		<i>Serratula tinctoria</i>	"
		<i>Inula britannica</i>	"
		<i>Pteridium vulgare</i>	"
		<i>Senecio paludosus</i>	"
		" <i>jacobaea</i>	"





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PLANCHE I

### EXPLANATION OF PLATE I.

Fig. 1	<i>Euaresta iphionae</i> Efflat.,	head, front view
2	<i>Schistopterum morbiusi</i> Beck.,	" " "
3	<i>Myiopardalis pardalina</i> Big.,	" " "
4	<i>Urophora macrura</i> Lw.,	" " "
5	<i>Myopites varifasciata</i> Beck.,	" " "
6	<i>Dacus longistylus</i> Wied.,	" " "
7	<i>Myopites varifasciata</i> Beck.,	" side "
8	<i>Sphenella marginata</i> Fall.,	" front "
9	<i>Dacus longistylus</i> Wied.,	" side "
10	<i>Schistopterum morbiusi</i> Beck.,	" " "
11	<i>Tephritis lauta</i> Lw.,	" " "
12	<i>Sphenella marginata</i> Fall.,	" " "
13	<i>Eusina sororecula</i> Wied.,	" " "
14	<i>Tephritis conyzae</i> Frfld.,	" " "
15	<i>Trypanea augur</i> Frfld.,	" " "
		(showing abnormal proboscis)
16	<i>Urophora macrura</i> Lw.,	head, side view
17	<i>Terellia serratulae</i> Linn.,	" " "
18	<i>Aciura tibialis</i> Rond.,	" " "
19	<i>Terellia circus</i> Lw.,	" " "
20	<i>Carpomyia incompleta</i> Beck.,	" " "
21	<i>Euaresta iphionae</i> Efflat.,	" " "
22	<i>Chaetodacus zonatus</i> Saund.,	" " "
23	<i>Trypanea augur</i> Frfld.,	" " (normal)
24	<i>Myiopardalis pardalina</i> Big.,	" " "
25	<i>Tephritis argyrocephala</i> Lw.,	" " "

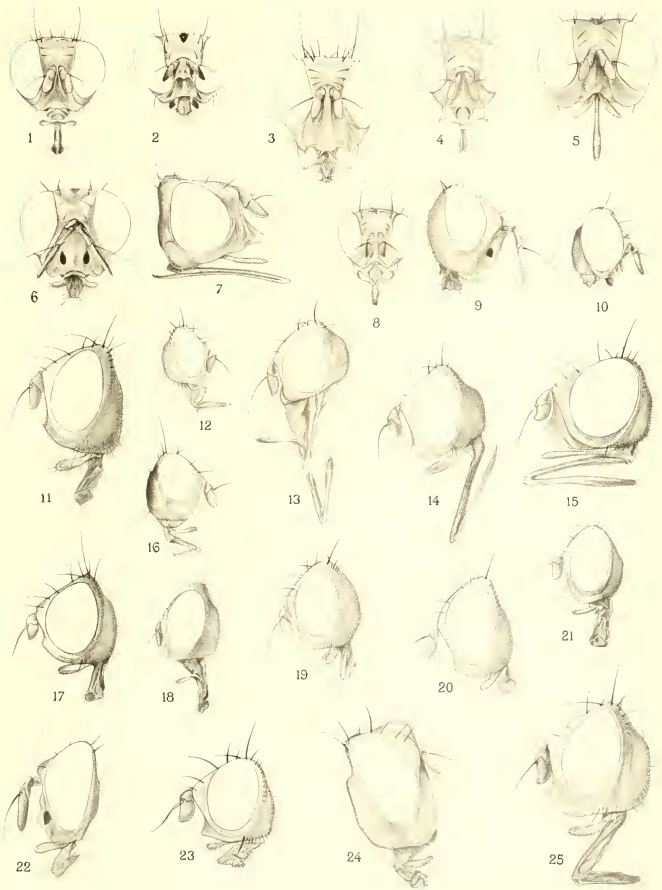


PLANCHE II



EXPLANATION OF PLATE II.

- Fig. 1 *Dacus semisphaereus* Beck., ♀  
" 2 *Dacus longistylus* Wied. var. nov. *clarus*, ♀  
" 3 *Dacus longistylus* Wied., ♀ (type)  
" 4 *Dacus oleae* Gmel., ♀  
" 5 *Dacus annulatus* Beck., ♂  
" 6 *Carpomyia incompleta* Beck., ♀  
" 7 *Chaetodacus zonatus* Saund., ♂  
" 8 *Myiopardalis pardalina* Big., ♀  
" 9 *Ceratitis capitata* Wied., ♂  
" 10 *Metaspheniscus gracilipes* Lw., ♀

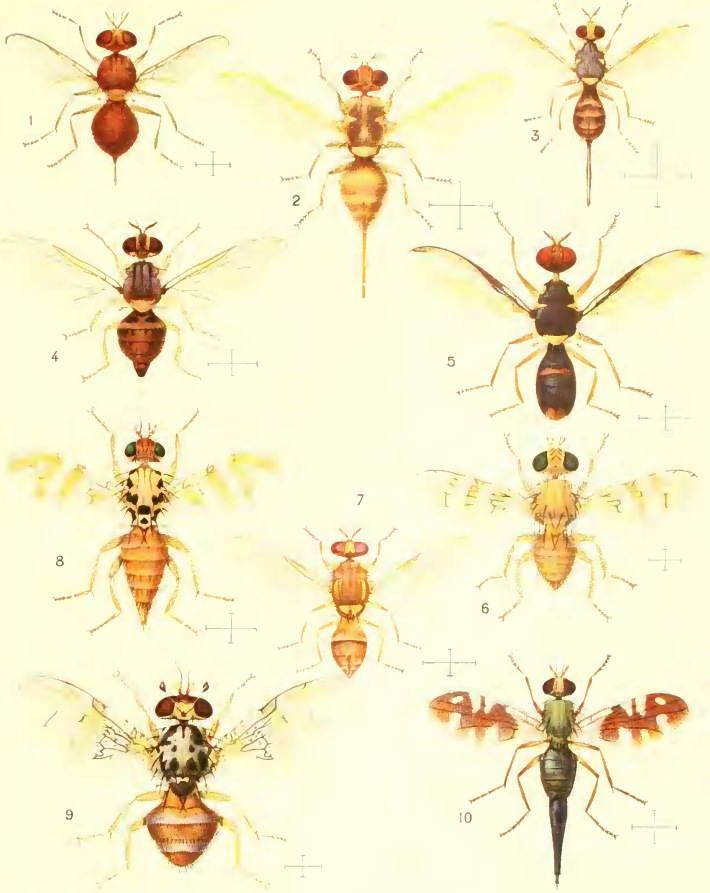


FIG. 1 - *TERRENSINOFF PIVA*

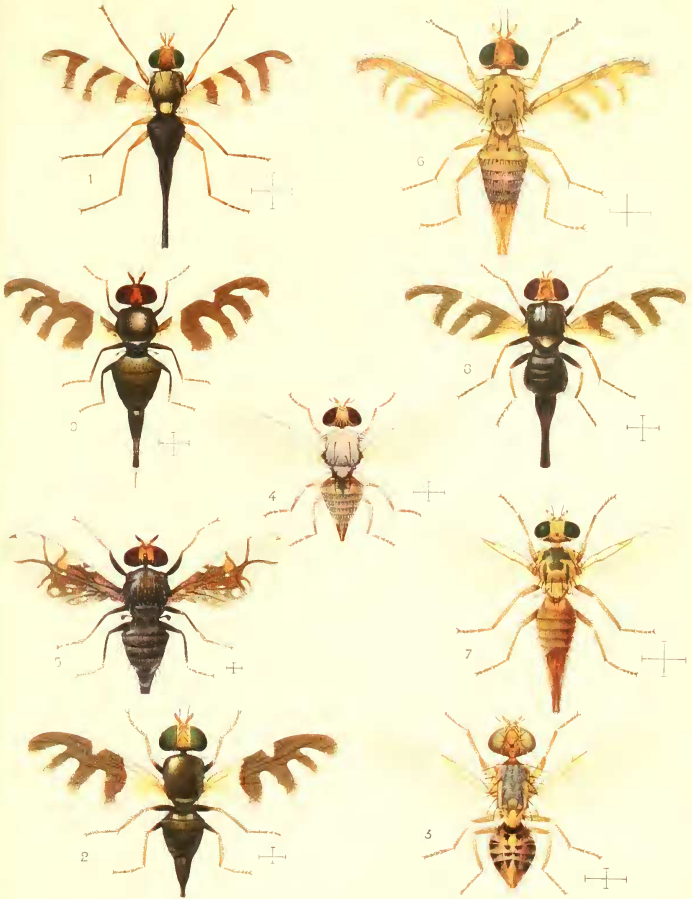
FIG. 10 - *CERATITIS*

DACUS, CHAETODACUS, CARPOMYIA, MYIOPARDALIS,  
CERATITIS, METASPHENISCUS

PLANCHE III

**EXPLANATION OF PLATE III.**

- Fig. 1 *Urophora macrura* Lw., ♀  
" 2 *Spheniscomyia aegyptiaca* Efllat., ♀  
" 3 *Terellia serratulae* Linn., ♂  
" 4 *Terellia planiscutellata* Beck., ♀  
" 5 *Schistopterum mæbii* Beck., ♀  
" 6 *Terellia jaccæ* Rob.-Desv., ♀  
" 7 *Terellia virens* Lw., ♀  
" 8 *Urophora quadrifasciata* Meig., ♀  
" 9 *Spheniscomyia debkii* Efllat., ♀



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FIG. 10. CHIFFOHO - GRAYEHO - LOW

SPHENISCOMYIA. UROPHORA, TERELLIA,  
SCHISTOPTERUM

PLANCHE IV

EXPLANATION OF PLATE IV.

- Fig. 1 *Tephritis spectis* Lw., ♀  
2 *Tephritis argyrocephala* Lw., ♀  
3 *Sphenella marginata* Fall., ♀  
4 *Tephritis matricariae* Lw., ♀  
5 *Spathulina parreguttata* Beck., ♀  
6 *Ensina sororenta* Wied., ♀  
7 *Myopites variofasciata* Beck., ♂  
8 *Aciura tibialis* Rond., ♀  
9 *Tephritis pulcherrima* nov. spec. ♀



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Plates CXXI, CXXII, CXXIII, CXXIV

SPHENELLA, SPATHULINA, ENSINA,  
 MYOPITES, ACIURA, TEPHRITIS



PLANCHE V

EXPLANATION OF PLATE V.

- Fig. 1 *Tephritis praecox* Lw., ♀  
" 2 *Trypanca eluta* Meig., ♀  
" 3 *Tephritis desertorum* nov. spec., ♀  
" 4 *Tephritis conyzae* Frfld., ♀  
" 5 *Trypanca augur* Frfld., ♀  
" 6 *Trypanca amœna* Frfld., ♀  
" 7 *Tephritis lauta* Lw., ♀  
" 8 *Euaresta iphionae* Efflat., ♀  
" 9 *Trypanca stellata* Fuessly, ♂



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